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**TO: OPTOMETRY PRACTICES USING  
CCG FOR eREFERRAL**

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Dear Colleague

**CCG: \*\*IMPORTANT UPDATE & ALERT \*\***

From Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November a new primary care Optometry enhanced service will be in place for identified patients who have been discharged from the HSCT (initially Belfast) with stable Ocular Hypertension to have their ongoing review and monitoring provided in a small number of designated primary care Optometry practices as opposed to the previous hospital based follow-up. This service is managed by the BHSCT in collaboration with the Health and Social Care Board as part of HSC Transformation.

**As part of the pathway to support the Optometrists who will be providing the service they will have access to a dedicated referral pathway within the CCG. Optometrists who are not involved in this service should NOT select or use this CCG referral pathway. This pathway is only for use by Optometrists who are participating in and providing the enhanced service aligned to a defined service specification and associated protocols.**

**This new destination on CCG should NOT be used for referrals to the glaucoma service in the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust. Optometrists must use the existing referral pathway to the glaucoma service for referrals for suspect OHT and suspect Glaucoma.**

The screen shot below shows where the OPTOMETRIST who is providing the new service will access the CCG Pathway

Send to:

- Belfast Health and Social Care Trust
- Belfast Health and Social Care Trust Non-GP Locations/Providers
- Optometry ECHO - OHT Monitoring**
- OPHTHALMOLOGY - OPTOM OHT MONITORING

**This CCG destination is ONLY for optometrists providing the OHT Review & Monitoring Service**

If you have any queries in relation to this please contact any one of the HSCB Clinical Optometric Advisers who will assist in answering your query:

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***Yours sincerely***

***General Medical Services & General Ophthalmic Services***

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