



# Ophthalmic Schedule Communications

April paid May  
2024

**Welcome to the schedule communications, where you will find useful information and helpful tips**

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**May paid June cut-off date: Monday 10 June 2024 at 5pm**

## **PCA(O)(2024)2**

The Scottish Government has issued [PCA\(O\)\(2024\)2](#) which details changes to the 'Eyes' website, Community Glaucoma Service patient risk stratification guidance and information about the NHS Low Income Scheme online application trial.

Access the full PCA [here](#).

## **Community Eyecare Guidelines**

The 'Community Eyecare' website (<https://communityeyecare.scot.nhs.uk>), and the associated Apple and Android device apps, have been decommissioned.

The guidance for each relevant clinical condition has been migrated over to a new dedicated '[Eyecare Guidelines](#)' area on the '[Eyes](#)' website.

Accessing the former 'Community Eyecare' website will automatically redirect the user to the new content area on the 'Eyes' website.

Please remove any Apple and Android versions of the 'Community Eyecare' app that you may still have stored on relevant devices, to avoid the risk of referencing out of date content.

## Community Glaucoma Service Clinical Governance guidance

The Community Glaucoma Service Clinical Governance Group have recently published a guidance document which supports the risk stratification and safe discharge of patients into the community glaucoma service:

<https://www.eyes.nhs.scot/media/1710/cgs-patient-risk-stratification-v10.pdf>

The guidance lays out recommendations for where glaucoma and ocular hypertensive patients could receive their care. It is not an exhaustive list, and there may be instances where a patient falls within the categories detailed but is not suitable for the service highlighted. This document is intended to be a guidance tool and should not be used to replace professional judgement.

The target audience for this document are the clinical staff within the Hospital Eye Service (particularly those with responsibility for determining whether a patient is suitable for the CGS) and Accredited Clinicians / Assisting Accredited Clinicians participating in the service.

The next stage for this work stream will be to consider the risk stratification of patients out of the service i.e. when re-referral to the hospital is indicated.

## eOphthalmic system downtime

**18 May 2024**

Due to essential updates the eOphthalmic system will be unavailable between 08.30 and 10.30 on Saturday 18 May 2024. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

## Reminder: Do NOT Send Any Mail to Bain Square

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