

Dear Colleague

**GENERAL OPHTHALMIC SERVICES**  
**1. DISTRIBUTION OF PACHYMETERS TO**  
**OPTOMETRY PRACTICES**

**Summary**

1. Following the Scottish Government announcement of 25<sup>th</sup> June 2015 to provide a pachymeter to every community optometry practice, this letter advises NHS Boards of:

- the Scottish Government appointed supplier of pachymeters to optometry practices across Scotland (excluding dispensing only practices)
- the timescales for delivery of the pachymeters to optometry practices

**Action**

2. NHS Boards are asked to note the:

2.1 the supplier of pachymeters;

2.2 the timescales for delivery of the pachymeters

3. NHS Boards are asked to copy and issue the Memorandum to this letter to all optometrists and ophthalmic medical practitioners on their ophthalmic lists.

Yours sincerely



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**NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE  
GENERAL OPHTHALMIC SERVICES**

**Distribution of Pachymeters to Optometry Practices in Scotland**

**Funding for Pachymeters**

1. Following publication of the SIGN Guidelines on Glaucoma referral and safe discharge in March 2015, the Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Sport announced in June 2015, funding as part of the Primary Care Fund to purchase pachymeters for every optometry practice in Scotland.
2. Following a procurement exercise carried out by NHS National Procurement, Keeler has been awarded the contract as 1<sup>st</sup> ranked supplier to supply optometry practices with an Accutome Pachpen Pachymeter.

**Distribution of the Pachymeters**

3. With the award now being made public, Keeler has advised that they will provide pachymeters to NES and all NHS Boards, except NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde and NHS Lothian **by 27<sup>th</sup> January 2016**.
4. Pachymeters will then be provided to NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde and NHS Lothian **by 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2016**.
5. Keeler and Optometry Scotland will be in touch with practices in due course to arrange for the delivery of the pachymeters. Please visit the Optometry Scotland or Keeler websites for more information.

**Enquiries**

6. Any enquiries arising from this Memorandum should be taken up with Hazel Johnstone, Commodity Manager, NSS National Procurement on 01698 794561 or via email at [hazel.johnstone@nhs.net](mailto:hazel.johnstone@nhs.net)
7. Following delivery of the pachymeters, if you have any issues, please contact Keeler via Brian Moran, Sales Manager on 01753 827171 or via email at [brianm@keeler.co.uk](mailto:brianm@keeler.co.uk)

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