

EXECUTIVE NOTE

The Sight Testing (Examination and Prescription) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2006 SSI/2006/134

The above instrument is made in exercise of powers conferred by sections 26(1) and (3) of the Opticians Act 1989. The instrument is subject to negative procedure.

Policy Objective

The purpose of this is to amend The Sight Testing (Examination and Prescription) (No 2) Regulations 1989 (S.I. 1989/1230) to provide that ophthalmic medical practitioners and optometrists can refer patients, with their consent, directly to an ophthalmic hospital rather than through their general medical practitioner.

Consultation

No consultation has taken place on the preparation of this instrument. The profession has, however, been consulted on the introduction of direct referral.

Financial Effects

There are no financial effects arising from this instrument.

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