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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations amend the General Ophthalmic Services Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 (the principal Regulations) to update provision in relation to mobile services.

They clarify to whom mobile services may be provided and the information that contractors must provide to the Regional Health and Social Care Board prior to providing mobile services.

The Regulations introduce a new provision which forbids the offer of any inducements by contractors in order to secure the provision of mobile services.

In addition, these Regulations omit paragraph 14(3) of Schedule 1 to the principal Regulations, so that where a contractor tests the sight of a patient with diabetes or glaucoma there is no longer a requirement to notify the patient's doctor of the test results.