

Dear colleague,

Informed Decision Making for Cataract Surgery.

Avon LOC have been working with Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group who have designed a short Informed Decision Making pilot for Cataract surgery.

The patient letter can be found [here](#) and the patient leaflet [here](#).

For two weeks from the 6th of January, the CCG Referral Service will be sending all patients referred for cataract surgery the attached letter and leaflet. The leaflet aims to help people decide if this is the right time for them to have cataract surgery.

The letter directs people to the Optometrists working in the CCG Referral Service for further information, but we wanted to make you aware of the pilot in case anyone also comes to you for advice.

About 8 in 100 people waiting for cataract surgery at the Bristol Eye Hospital decide their vision isn't bad enough to have a cataract operation. The CCG hopes this initiative will encourage people to think about whether it is the right time for them to have the surgery before they attend a pre-operative assessment appointment.

We will let you know the results of the pilot in March and whether the initiative will continue,

Kind regards,

Avon LOC