Appendix 2 – Referrals to the HES (grouped by disease category) considered inappropriate in urgency.

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| Optometrists’ diagnosis | HES diagnoses |
| Diseases of the eyelid | Granulation tissue, blepharitis, scleritis\* |
| Diseases of the conjunctiva | Cataract, conjunctivitis |
| Disorders of the cornea and sclera | Foreign body\*, resolved adenoviral conjunctivitis, meibomitis, chalazion, dry eyes, pingueculitis, bacterial conjunctivitis, episcleritis |
| Disorders of the lens | Macular scar, senile cataract |
| Age-related macular degeneration (AMD) | Wet AMD, dry AMD, BRAO, PCO, ERM |
| Retinal vascular occlusions | BRVO, POAG |
| Glaucoma/Ocular hypertension | Glaucoma, Glaucoma suspect, healthy eyes |
| Posterior vitreous detachment (PVD) | Vitreous Haemorrhage, PVD\* |
| Retinal haemorrhages | Retinal vascular disorders, hypertensive retinopathy, PVD, background diabetic retinopathy |
| Visual field defect | Headaches, presbyopia |
| Unexplained vision loss | Dry AMD, Healthy eyes |

BRVO: Branch Retinal Vein Occlusion, BRAO: Branch Retinal Artery Occlusion, PCO: Posterior Capsule Opacification. ERM: epi-retinal membrane, POAG: Primary Open Angle Glaucoma. \* A total of four patients were referred less urgently than appropriate.