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**PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDELINES –Sunlight exposure - risks and benefits-
2nd Consultation on the Draft Guideline from 09 July – 06 August 2015 Comments
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General		We feel that the Guideline must contain more robust advice for eye health in relation to UV exposure. The skin on the eye lid is very thin and delicate so it is vital to protect this area from UV rays. There is strong evidence that ultraviolet radiation (UVR) exposure is associated with the formation of eyelid malignancies (basal cell carcinoma and squamous cell carcinoma), photokeratitis, climatic droplet keratopathy, pterygium, and cortical cataract. (Yam and Kwok 2013) Ultraviolet light and ocular diseases. Int Ophthalmol. 2013 May 31.
General		Certain adults are also at increased risk of UV exposure, for example after cataract surgery. We would welcome a recommendation for these adults also to have UV protection on their vision correction (on the NHS if they are eligible).

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General		Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians should be included in the targeted list of Health Practitioners for enhanced knowledge, abilities and confidence in giving tailored advice on the benefits and risks of sun exposure and further be considered key players in delivering the messages about UV exposure and its potential effect on eyesight and ocular tissues such as eyelids.

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