

## **Checklist for Reviewers**

1. What condition are you proposing for inclusion?
2. Why do you want to monitor this condition?
3. Does this proposal relate to an existing research programme? If yes, give details.
4. What are the specific questions that you hope to answer using the surveillance data?
5. If you intend quoting overall or group specific (eg age-specific) incidence rates, what denominator will you use?
6. What definition do you want ophthalmologists to use when deciding whether to make a return?
7. How many returns do you expect in a year? Give the basis for the estimate.
8. How long do you want the surveillance to continue?
9. Do you propose to validate the completeness of response? If so, how? If not, will the unvalidated data be sufficient for your aims?
10. Do you propose to validate that the case actually meets your definition? If so, how? If not, will the unvalidated data be sufficient for your aims?
11. Will you be contacting the ophthalmologists who make a return? If so, give details?
12. Will you seek to contact the patients mentioned in the returns? If so, give details of the procedure that you will use, the information that you will seek and state whether ethical approval has been obtained.