

Direct Wet AMD Referral Service

Frimley ICB

Overview

The service allows for primary care optometrists to make direct referrals for further assessment for patients with suspected wet AMD, to allow faster access to care.

Service Information

Patient eligibility

- Patients of 18 and over registered with a GP in Frimley ICB
- Patients who are identified as having signs and symptoms of AMD requiring onwards referral

Source of Referral/Signposting to Service

- Via a GOS or private sight test.

Service Delivery

- Assess the signs and symptoms and establish the duration of symptoms.
- Where there is visual loss and visual acuity in the affected eye of better than 6/96 as well as recent sudden onset of central distortion (usually less than 6 months), the optometrist should refer the patient to their local AMD clinic for further assessment and examination within 1 week.

Service Outcomes

- Referral to secondary care AMD clinic

Accreditation

- None: core competency

Practice tariff

- £15 for direct wet AMD referral

Help and Support

Practices and practitioners can use the OPERA help menu as the first port of call for help and support, found on the Opera home page at <https://app.optom-referrals.org/>

