

REFERRAL INFORMATION FOR STOKE MANDEVILLE EYE CASUALTY

“BLEEP” EYE CONDITIONS

Patients presenting with the following conditions need to be seen the same day:

- Acute angle closure glaucoma
- Giant cell/temporal arteritis with temporal pain **and** 2 lines of vision loss
- Penetrating injury
- Iris prolapse
- **Non-diabetic** with vitreous haemorrhage and CF vision
- Chemical injury **with 2 lines vision loss**
- Hypopyon presenting within 5 days of intraocular surgery or injection (eg VEGF)

If your patient has one of the above, please call Stoke Mandeville Eye Casualty: 01296 315939 initially. If the call goes to answerphone, **do not leave a message**. Instead, call 01296 315000 and ask the switchboard operator to **bleep the on-call ophthalmologist**.

Ensure that the call is made by the referring optometrist, who needs to be able to discuss the patient with the ophthalmologist as soon as the call is answered.

URGENT EYE CONDITIONS

Other urgent conditions should be emailed (**only from an nhs.net address**), on the SMH eye casualty referral form, to Stoke Mandeville Eye Casualty buc-tr.buckseyecas@nhs.net.

Clinic times are 09.00 to 17.00 on weekdays and 10.00 to 16.00 at weekends and bank holidays. Within a few hours of receipt of the email, patients will be contacted by a triaging nurse, who will suggest an appointment / management plan.

The phone number for Stoke Mandeville Eye Casualty is 01296 315939.

Urgent eye conditions include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following:

Acute dacryoadenitis	IOP>30 – any cause
Acute dacryocystitis	Orbital cellulitis
Chemical injury without vision loss	Papilloedema
Comotio retinae	Retinal detachment
CMV and candida retinitis	Retrobulbar/optic neuritis
Cystoid macular oedema	Rubeosis
CRAO	Scleritis
CRVO with raised IOP	Sight-threatening keratitis
Diabetic vitreous haemorrhage	Squamous cell carcinoma
Diplopia with sudden onset	Sudden severe ocular pain
GCA without reduction in vision	Symptomatic retinal break/tear
Disc haemorrhage	Third nerve palsy with pain
Flashes & floaters <1 week's duration	Unexplained sudden vision loss
Hyphaema	Uveitis

(NB Wet AMD referrals should follow the separate, dedicated referral protocol.)