



### Referral Pathways for patients of Eastern Cheshire CCG

This pathway should be used for all patients with a GP in: Alderley Edge, Congleton, Disley, Handforth, Holmes Chapel, Knutsford, Macclesfield, Poynton, Wilmslow.  
Patients with GPs in other areas: please use the see the appropriate local pathway or refer via patients GP

	Pathway	Form	Notes
<b>Wet AMD</b>	<b>Macclesfield Hospital</b> Fax 01625 661027 <b>Eyecare Medical</b> Fax 01625 440002 <b>Leighton Hospital</b> Fax 01270 273463 Out of hours send form and patient to A&E	<b>Wet AMD Referral form</b>	<b>Fast Track Fax service</b> You are advised to telephone to confirm receipt of any Urgent/Emergency faxed referral
<b>Flashes and/or Floaters</b>	Px presenting at reception/phone. Advise patient to go to A&E.	Self referral	There is no NHS funding in place to investigate these patients in Optometric Practices currently.
	<b>If comes to light during sight test:</b> Refer as Urgent to be seen within 24hrs	Urgently to Ophthalmic Triage	Can perform a privately funded dilated exam. Note referrals through GP can take 18 weeks.
<b>Emergencies</b>	<b>Macclesfield hospital triage nurse</b> Tel: 01625 661963 Fax 01625 661715 <b>Leighton Hospital triage nurse</b> Tel 01270 255141 (bleep 2080) Fax 01270 612085 <b>Manchester Royal (A&amp;E)</b> Tel 0161 2765599	GOS18	<b>Macclesfield Hospital:</b> ecn-tr.opthalmologyteam@nhs.net <b>Leighton Hospital:</b> ophthalmology.triage@mcht.nhs But phone to confirm they have received and are dealing with it. <b>E-mails must only be sent to this e-mail address from a NHS.net account due to GDPR</b>
<b>Urgent</b>	as emergencies	GOS18	Referrals through GP can take 18 weeks.
<b>Cataract</b>	Via GOS18 to GP	Cataract Referral Form	The old choice referral is no longer in place. Current providers are: Macclesfield Hospital, Leighton Hospital or Optegra at Didsbury.  SpaMedica can receive direct referrals but the LOC would prefer via GP but indicate SpaMedica has been chosen.

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<b>Post Cataract</b>	<p><b>Leighton Hospital</b> post cataract scheme, accreditation through LOC</p> <p><b>Macc hospital</b> sends out post cats for GOS1 test</p> <p><b>Optegra</b> through Private referrer part of optomanager.</p> <p><b>Spa Medica</b> Post Cat Scheme</p>	Medisoft	<p><b>Leighton Hospital &amp; private referrer</b> need WOPEC cataract accreditation and adult &amp; child safeguarding.</p> <p><b>Spa Medica</b> Post Cataract Scheme requires the Optom to have completed the Spa Medica training evening. Once accredited, the logins are provided by Spa Medica to the Medisoft platform in order to upload the consultation details.</p>
<b>Chronic Open Angle Glaucoma</b>	<b>IOP above 32:</b> Refer as Emergency above to hospital	GOS 18	
	<p><b>IOPS &gt; 24 or difference of &gt;= 5 mmHg and/or fields defect.</b></p> <p><b>Accredited Practices</b> manage via <b>Glaucoma Repeat Reading Service. (GRR)</b></p>	Optomanager	<p><b>May require internal referral to accredited practitioner.</b></p> <p>Please see LOC website GRR section for list of accredited practices.</p>
	<b>Non Accredited Practices</b> refer to an accredited practice	GOS18	PLEASE DO NOT REFER VIA GP Unless Urgent IOPS>32mmHg
<b>Routine Referrals</b>	All routine referrals via GP	GOS18	

**Non compliance to these pathways may lead to a delay in treatment for your patients**

In all cases you should choose the best referral pathway for your patient.