



Referral Pathways for patients of Vale Royal and South Cheshire CCG

This pathway should be used for all patients with a GP in: Northwich, Winsford, Middlewich, Sandbach, Crewe, Alsager & Nantwich
 Patients with GPs in other areas: please use the see the appropriate local pathway or refer via patients GP

	Pathway	Form	Notes
Wet AMD	Eyecare Medical Fax 01625 440002 Leighton Hospital Fax 01270 273463 Macclesfield District General fax 01625 661027 SPA Medica 01204 441340 Out of hours send form and patient to A&E	Wet AMD Referral form	Fast Track Fax service You are advised to telephone to confirm receipt of any urgent/Emergency faxed referral
Flashes and/or Floaters	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.
	If comes to light during sight test: Refer as Urgent to be seen within 24hrs	Urgently to Ophthalmic Triage	Can perform a privately funded dilated exam. Referrals through GP can take 18 weeks.
Emergencies	Leighton Hospital triage nurse Tel: 01270 255141 (bleep 2080)	GOS18	Fax 01270 612085 e-mail ophthalmic.triage@mcht.nhs E-mails must only be sent to this e-mail address from a NHS.net account.
Urgent	As above list. Indicate urgency on referral	GOS18	Referrals through GP can take 18 weeks. If the patient must be seen sooner than 18 weeks use emergency pathway
Cataract	Optomanager Referral by an accredited Optom to Patient Choice	Optomanager Platform	If not accredited refer to accredited practice. If no accredited practitioner available download Cataract Referral Questionnaire from the CCG website, complete and send to GP. THIS IS NOT THE PREFERRED PATHWAY

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Post Cataract	<p>Leighton hospital post cataract scheme. Optegra through Private referrer part of optomanager. Spa Medica Post Cat Scheme Non-Accredited practices to refer to accredited practice.</p>	Optomanager Platform	<p>Leighton hospital post cataract scheme. Accredited practices & practitioners to perform test and update results on Webstar system. Optegra post cataract is uploaded onto the Private referrer part of Optomanager. Optegra will phone to explain if a patient selects your practice for their post cataract test. SPA Medica Post Cataract Scheme requires the Optom to have completed the Spa Medica training event and Post Cat Assessment results are uploaded to Medisoft Platform. Non-accredited opticians/practices are to refer to accredited opticians/practices.</p>
Chronic Open Angle Glaucoma	IOP above 32: Refer as Emergency above to hospital	GOS 18	<p>Fax 01270 612085 e-mail ophthalmic.triage@mcht.nhs E-mails must only be sent to this e-mail address from a NHS.net account.</p>
	IOPS > 24 or difference of >= 5 mmHg and/or Fields defect. Accredited Practices manage via Glaucoma Repeat Reading Service.	Optomanager Platform	<p>May require internal referral to accredited practitioner. Please see LOC website GRR section for list of accredited practices.</p>
	Non Accredited Practices refer to an accredited practice	GOS18	PLEASE DO NOT REFER VIA GP Unless Urgent IOPS>32mmHg
Routine Referrals	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.