

Referral Pathways for patients of East Cheshire CCG

This pathway should be used for all patients with a GP in: Alderley Edge, Congleton, Disley, Handforth, Holmes Chapel, Knutsford, Macclesfield, Poynton

Patients with GPs in other areas: please use appropriate local pathway for that CCG or refer via their GP

	Pathway	Form	Notes
Wet AMD	<p>Macclesfield Hospital Fax NO LONGER USED Eyecare Medical Fax 01625 440002 Leighton Hospital Fax 01270 273463 Out of hours send form and patient to A&E</p>	Wet AMD Referral form	<p>Fast Track Fax service You are advised to telephone to confirm receipt of any Urgent/Emergency faxed referral Macc hospital use secure email</p>
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.
	<p>If comes to light during sight test: Refer as Urgent to be seen within 24hrs</p>	Urgently to Ophthalmic Triage	Can perform a privately funded dilated exam. Note referrals through GP can take 18 weeks.
Emergencies	<p>Macclesfield hospital triage nurse Tel 01625 661963 /email Leighton Hospital triage nurse Tel 01270 255141 (bleep 2080) Fax 01270 612085 Manchester Royal (A&E) Tel 0161 2765599</p>	GOS18	<p>Macc: ecn-tr.opthalmologyteam@nhs.net Leighton: ophthalmology.triage@mcht.nhs But phone to confirm they have received and are dealing with it. E-mails must only be sent to this e-mail address from a NHS.net account due to GDPR</p>
Urgent	as emergencies	GOS18	Referrals through GP can take 18 weeks.

Cataract	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.
Post Cataract	<p>Leighton Hospital post cataract scheme, accreditation through LOC</p> <p>Macc hospital sends out post cats for GOS1 test</p> <p>Optegra through Private referrer part of optomanager.</p> <p>Spa Medica Post Cat Scheme</p>	Medisoft	Leighton & private referrer need WPOEC cataract accreditation and adult & child safeguarding. Spa Medica 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.
Chronic Open Angle Glaucoma	IOP above 32: Refer as Emergency above to hospital	GOS 18	
	IOPS > 24 or difference of >= 5 mmHg and/or fields defect. Accredited Practices manage via Glaucoma Repeat Reading Service. (GRR)	Optomanager	May require internal referral to accredited practitioner. Please see LOC website GRR section for list of accredited practices.
	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. You are advised to telephone to confirm receipt of any			