

**Cheshire Glaucoma Service**

**Service Summary**

This service will provide in primary care optometry equivalent glaucoma/OHT assessment to that performed in the hospital clinic, with OCT and virtual review forming part of the assessment.

The key elements of the service will be as follows:

* A multidisciplinary primary care optometry service as part of a Community Hub model with virtual review as required.
* The service will only manage adults aged 16 years and over
* The patients identified after clinical risk stratification as being suitable will be discharged directly into the service to continue their care
* Easy to understand mechanisms for re-referral back into the HES in case of any clinical change

The revised pathway for these patients will be as follows:

* Patients with diagnosed ocular hypertension or suspicious for glaucoma (on treatment) are discharged from hospital eye service to the service with appropriate supporting documentation.
* The service will be provided in a network of optical practices by suitably qualified optometrists. The optometrist will undertake a series of clinical assessments including but not exclusively:
  + - Slit lamp mounted Goldmann tonometry
    - Supra-threshold perimetry
    - Van Herick’s
    - Dilated slit lamp biomicroscopic examination of the optic nerve head
    - Re-evaluate the patient’s risk of conversion to COAG and risk of sight loss
    - Provide a recommendation on appropriate management and time to next assessment
    - OCT assessment
* The optometrist will record the results and their management recommendation will be added onto the OPERA IT platform. The patient management options will be:

1. No change – continue same management and see in community clinic in [number] months.
2. Suspicious sign
3. No longer meets monitoring criteria – discharge
4. Disease progression – refer back to HES for Ophthalmologist review

* All patients with outcomes a, b or c will be virtually reviewed by a suitably qualified professional to verify the outcome.

Following the successful roll out of the COVID Urgent Eyecare Service (CUES) in 2020, it has been agreed that in June 2021 Primary Eyecare Services, in collaboration with Mid Cheshire Hospital Trust and Cheshire Local Optical Committee will launch a treated Glaucoma and OHT monitoring service. This is to run alongside the current Untreated OHT and suspect glaucoma service. The new glaucoma service has the potential to be expanded to other Cheshire hospital trusts in the near future.

**Service aims and objectives.**

**Service Fees**

The fee for the assessment (including OCT) £75

**The Services**

* Practices and Practitioners can use the OPERA help menu as the first port of call for help and support, and or the OPERA support

bubble to pose queries. Both these tools can be found on the OPERA home page.

* Wider Primary and Secondary Care providers that want to know more about the service can contact our service support team

direct on: [info@primaryeyecare.co.uk](mailto:info@primaryeyecare.co.uk)

* Urgent referrals back to providers should be made on Opera **AND as per local protocol, usually by telephoning the hospital provider**

**Service help and support**

**Service Fees**

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