

North Hampshire, West Hampshire & Southampton Glaucoma Enhanced Refinement Service (GERS)

The Services

The existing GER service in North and West Hampshire has been extended to include Southampton locality patients.

Glaucoma enhanced Referral Service (GERS)

- Where patients have multiple suspicious clinical signs and/or risk factors of glaucoma, the primary care optometrist with a professional certificate in glaucoma or equivalent qualification will refine glaucoma suspect/ocular hypertension referrals by carrying out further examinations.
- OCT is mandatory for this service.

The below information summarises the services and the associated fees for your information.

Service aims and objectives.

Glaucoma Enhanced Referral Service (GERS). This is for patients not eligible for the repeat readings service. In this case it should be emphasised that the second optometrist assumes clinical responsibility for the detection of the patient with suspected glaucoma or ocular hypertension. Therefore, assessment of the optic disc, anterior angle and visual fields is necessary. A further clinical work-up is indicated in primary care (unless clinical circumstances indicate urgent, or emergency referral is needed):

Examination

- Visual Field Assessment – central visual field assessment using standard automated perimetry (full threshold or supra-threshold)
- Assessment of the optic nerve head – dilated optic nerve assessment and fundus examination using stereoscopic slit lamp biomicroscopy
- Intraocular pressure (IOP) measurement – using slit-lamp mounted Goldmann applanation tonometry.
- Assessment of the anterior chamber – peripheral anterior chamber configuration and depth assessments using the van Herick test or OCT.
- OCT to be used to support the decision-making process.

Glaucoma Enhanced Refinement (GERS) Pathways and Protocols, please click [Pathways & Protocols-GRR and GERS](#)

Qualification requirements: WOPEC Glaucoma Level 1&2 plus local accreditation or Professional Certificate in Glaucoma.

Service Fees

Glaucoma Enhanced Referral including mandatory OCT - £84