

Emergency and Urgent Ophthalmology Pathway

EMERGENCY PATIENTS - need to be seen immediately

- Significant chemical injury
- Penetrating eye injury
- Sudden painless visual loss < 4 hours
- Possible GCA with visual loss
- Severe and acute visual loss (including acute glaucoma & post intra-ocular procedures)

WEEKDAY
8.30am – 19.30

Out of hours / Weekend
Bank holiday

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URGENT PATIENTS – need to be seen same day or next day

- Acute or deteriorating symptoms of less than one month duration

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review of referral can wait until next session

NON URGENT PATIENTS – Patients with non-acute symptoms

Patient discharged & instructed to attend own GP or MECS (optometrist) for referral to clinic