Enhanced Cataract Referral Service

Overview

This service allows discussion and information gathering to support the decision on referral for cataract surgery and collects enhanced information to help surgical providers deliver appropriate treatment and care.

Help & Support

For help and support, visit the OPERA help menu at https://help.optom-referrals.org.

To access the Cataract help pages, click here.

For further assistance, contact us at hello@referral.support or use the blue bubble on OPERA.

Service Information

Patient Eligibility

- Patients of >18 registered with a GP in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent ICB.
- Signs and symptoms of cataract identified at sight test and patient would like to be considered for cataract surgery.

Source of Referral/Signposting to Service

- Self-presentation.
- Intra-Practice Referral.
- Inter-Practice Referral.
- Signposting from Health Care Professional.
- Primary Eyecare Services Referral Hub.

Service Delivery

- Assessment of vision and refraction.
- Discussion of risks and benefits of surgery.
- Clinical assessment of anterior and posterior eye.
- Dilated fundus examination where clinically indicated.
- Where patient wants referral, confirm this meets ICB policy.

Service Outcomes

- Referral to the ICB Elective and Cancer Co-Ordination Centre where patient choice will be offered.
- Discharge from service as patient does not want or need cataract referral at this time.

Accreditation

- WOPEC Cataract