This is a primary care optometry service for patients who are suspected, by their optometrist or GP, of developing glaucoma.

What happens at the appointment?

GERS optometrists have taken a further qualification in this area. The optometrist will discuss your eye history, symptoms, risk factors and any medical history. You should take your spectacles and a list of your current medication to the appointment.

The optometrist will look at the front and back of your eye and perform several checks. To enable them to repeat the eye pressure check and look at the back of your eyes, they will put an eye drop in your eye to numb the surface of the eye and dilate your pupils. Other tests conducted will include a visual fields test.

What happens after the test?

- You will be found to not have glaucoma, nor be at risk of developing glaucoma in the foreseeable future and be discharged back to the care of your own optometrist,
  or
- You will be found to have a diagnosis or strong risk of glaucoma and will be referred to the Hospital Eye Service for further assessment and management as appropriate.

What is glaucoma?

Glaucoma is an eye condition which affects the optic nerve at the back of the eye. For most people it is a slowly progressive problem of the nerve which causes gradual loss of peripheral vision – this is difficult to detect in its early stages so you may not notice that there is anything wrong. Glaucoma can be linked with high eye pressure, your racial background and your family history. Most glaucoma cases can be treated with simple eye drops to prevent further loss of sight so it's very important to detect the condition as early as possible whilst making sure people are not sent to the hospital unnecessarily.

How do I book an appointment with the service?

Where your optometrist feels you require a further assessment, you will be offered a choice of practices in the GERS service and your selected practice will be sent your information, with your consent. The GERS practice will contact you to offer an appointment within 2-4 weeks. If you do not hear from the practice within 10 days please contact your referring practice to ensure the appointment is scheduled.

REMEMBER: you cannot drive yourself home from this appointment.

Contact info@primaryeyecare.co.uk if you require further information regarding this service or have any concerns, complaints or compliments.

Participating Optical Practices

4 Sight Opticians	1, Raynor Parade, Raynor Rd, Wolverhampton	WV10 9QY	01902 844201
Ashmore Park Opticians	54 Griffiths Drive, Ashmore Park, Wolverhampton	WV11 2JW	01902 739 777
City Eye Clinic	87a Darlington St, Wolverhampton	WV1 4EX	01902 973312
C M Biddle & Co Ltd	20 High St, Wednesfield, Wolverhampton	WV11 1SZ	01902 729028
Flint & Partners Optometrists	59 Tettenhall Rd, Wolverhampton	WV3 9NB	01902 422 096
Flint & Partners Optometrists	11 Church St, Wednesfield, Wolverhampton	WV11 1SR	01902 719 850
Focus Eye Clinic	Unt 6, Crossways Centre, Wolverhampton Road	WV10 0QB	01902 546820
Khalil Opticians	22 Victoria St, Mander Centre, Wolverhampton	WV1 3NP	01902 771 267
Lichfield Street Opticians	44 Lichfield St, Wolverhampton	WV1 1DG	01902 420 348
Marsh Optical	Wulfrun Shopping Centre 13A Cleveland St, Wolverhampton	WV1 3HH	01902420919
Nvision	84 Windmill Lane, Castlecroft, Wolverhampton	WV3 8HG	01902 380 000
Nvision	Avion Centre, 4 Bargate Drive, Whitmore Reans, Wolverhampton	WV6 0QN	01902 779 077
Overton Eyecare	743-745 Cannock Rd, Wolverhampton	WV10 8PN	01902 731158
Specsavers	The Wulfrun Centre, Wolverhampton	WV1 3HG	01902 715844
Taylor Biddle Opticians	39 Bridgnorth Rd, Wolverhampton	WV6 8AF	01902 750 325
Wyn Williams Optometrists	6 Trysull Rd, Bradmore, Wolverhampton	WV3 7HT	01902 620352

Wolverhampton Glaucoma Enhanced Referral Service (GERS)

Free NHS assessment at a local optical Practice