

# The Manchester Glaucoma Enhanced Referral Service (GERS)

## What is the GERS service?

- This is a primary care optometry service for patients who are suspected, by their GP or Optometrist, of developing non-acute glaucoma.
- It is provided by accredited optometrists with specialist knowledge and skills at a local practice close to the patient's home or place of work.

## Who is eligible for the GERS service?

- All patients registered with a Manchester GP who present at an optometrist or GP with any suspect signs of glaucoma or elevated intraocular pressure (IOP).

## How do patients access the GERS service?

- Patients may be referred into the service from:
  - A non-accredited optometrist
  - A Manchester GP

## What happens when I see the optometrist?

- The optometrist will discuss the patient's eye history, symptoms, risk factors and any related medical history.
- Patients should take their spectacles and a list of current medications to the appointment.
- The optometrist will detect the presence or suspicion of glaucoma using specific tests relevant to the signs/symptoms.
- The patient will be found:
  - not to have glaucoma, nor be at risk of developing glaucoma in the foreseeable future and be discharged back the care of their optometrist, or
  - to have a diagnosis or suspicion of glaucoma and will be referred to the Eye Hospital (MREH) for further assessment
- The GERS optometrist will notify the patient's GP and referring optometrist about the outcome of the consultation in order to ensure that medical records are updated.
- A sight test will not be performed as part of the assessment and a prescription for glasses will not be issued. However, where a referral originates with a GP it may be necessary to carry out a sight test first. The GERS optometrist will be able to give advice.

## Which Optometrists Provide the GERS Service?

- The following optometrists are part of the GERS Service.
- Please be aware that the patient's normal optometry practice may have chosen not to offer this service.
- Appointments are available during normal working hours and the assessment will be undertaken within 20 working days of the referral.
- Patients should call to make an appointment. They should be advised that they should not drive following the appointment.

<b>Practice Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Post Code</b>	<b>Telephone</b>
Arrowsmith Opticians (Joe Arrowsmith/Rebecca Rietdyke)	672 Rochdale Road, Harpurhey, Manchester	M9 5TT	(0161) 205 2575
Eye 2 C (Rebecca Rietdyke)	2 Gibwood Rd, Northenden, Manchester	M22 4BT	(0161) 998 4664
Gent Bros Opticians (Ian Creek)	325 Hollinwood Avenue, New Moston, Manchester	M40 0JA	(0161) 681 1348
Glasses 4 Less (Robert Glass)	380 Dickinson Road, Longsight, Manchester	M13 0WQ	(0161) 256 2266
Jennings Opticians (Kishor Patel/Roachan Patel/Alan Delaney)	Unit 7 Hale Top Civic Centre, Wythenshawe, Manchester	M22 5RN	(0161) 437 3042
Leeming Opticians (Michael Leeming)	1a School Lane, Didsbury, Manchester	M20 6RD	(0161) 445 5307
Murray and Haggerty (Clare Haggerty)	238 Fog Lane, Didsbury, Manchester	M20 6EL	(0161) 434 4597
Optical Express (Linda Crossley)	31 Harpurhey Shopping Centre, Harpurhey, Manchester	M9 4DH	(0161) 205 6925
Optieye Care (Mr S Chaudhary)	646 Hyde Road, Gorton, Manchester	M18 7EE	(0161) 223 2001
Selby and Glover (Jill Dearden)	167 Chapman Street, Manchester	M18 8LY	(0161) 223 0694
Specsavers Fallowfield (Paul Showman)	114 Mauldeth Road, Fallowfield, Manchester	M14 6SQ	(0161) 434 2755
The Eye Site Opticians (David Goldberg)	58 Bury Old Road, Cheetham Hill, Manchester	M8 5BN	(0161) 795 2341
Optometry Clinics (Catherine Porter)	Carys Bannister Building, Dover Street, Manchester	M13 9PT	(0161) 306 3860
Framed Opticians (Richard Peck)	1-3 St Ann's Passage, King Street, Manchester	M2 6AB	(0161) 839 6753
Wheeldon Opticians (David Wheeldon)	106 Palatine Road, West Didsbury, Manchester	M20 3YB	(0161) 445 4253