

PROTOCOL
FOR COMMUNITY OPTOMETRISTS FOLLOWING REFERRAL FROM SCHOOL VISION SCREENING BY ORTHOPTISTS

Children failing orthoptic school screening will be referred to an accredited Community Optometrist unless:

- Unable to perform crowded LogMAR test
- Visual acuity < 0.5 crowded LogMAR (< 6/19) in one or both eyes
- Manifest strabismus
- Other pathology

Initial referral to Accredited Community Optometrist

The following will be performed at the child's first visit to the Community Optometrist:

1. Recheck unaided vision with crowded LogMAR with patch on either eye
2. Cycloplegic refraction 25 mins after instilling of proxymetacaine 0.5% & cyclopentolate 1%
3. Fundus examination
4. Prescribe glasses if appropriate
5. Inform Orthoptic Department of outcome:
 - Visions as measured by crowded LogMAR
 - Retinoscopy result
 - Fundal examination
 - Prescription dispensed
 - Outcome:
 - Discharge to GOS – notify Orthoptics
 - or Refer to Orthoptics
 - or 6 week check
 - Please give final VAs in all cases.

If visions meet standard 1* discharge to GOS

If visions < 0.50 crowded LogMAR (< 6/19), strabismus or other pathology refer to VEH (prescribe glasses where required)

If visions between 0.150 and 0.50 crowded LogMAR (6/7.5-2 and 6/19) prescribe glasses and review in 6 weeks

At 6 week check

- Check compliance with glasses and fit
- Reassess acuity with glasses with crowded LogMAR

If acuity does not meet standard 1* review further 6 weeks

If acuity meets standard 1* arrange GOS 6 month review and inform Orthoptic Department of discharge from the scheme to GOS

At 12 week review GOS examination

- Check compliance with glasses and fit
- Reassess acuity with glasses with crowded LogMAR

If acuity meets standard 1* discharge to GOS – notify Orthoptics

If acuity meets standard 2* arrange GOS - 3 month review

If acuity does not meet standard 2* refer to Orthoptic Department

- Inform Orthoptic Department of outcome:
 - Discharge – form back to Orthoptics
 - or further 3 month check – notify Orthoptics after the 3 month check
 - or refer to Orthoptics
 - Please give final VAs in all cases

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***standard 1 – VA = 0.150 crowded (6/7.5-2) in each eye**

***standard 2 – VA = 0.150 crowded (6.7.5-2) in best eye with vision up to one line difference in acuity between the eyes**

If the child is discharged to the GOS or if she/he is referred to the orthoptic department for further treatment, the completed form must be sent to:

**The Orthoptic Department,
Victoria Eye Unit
County Hospital
Union Walk
Hereford
HR1 2ER**

This will ensure a full audit and assist in the maintaining the good relations we have with Herefordshire Ophthalmology.

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