

LOCAL INFORMATION FOR OPTOMETRISTS WORKING IN MILTON KEYNES

		FORM
EMERGENCIES	A booked urgent service (BUS clinic) runs at Milton Keynes Hospital Eye Dept during the week: referral needs to be faxed on the appropriate pro forma. See list for appropriate referrals and instructions. Indicate on the fax if the patient <u>cannot</u> make arrangements to travel to Stoke Mandeville Hospital if required. The patient will be contacted by the hospital. Patients will <u>not</u> be seen without an appointment.	BUS proforma
	At weekends, and for those patients who need more urgent treatment, refer to either Stoke Mandeville Hospital or Northampton General Hospital; ring the respective departments for advice and instructions. A referral letter is necessary.	Letter
WET AMD	Patients with suspected <u>recent onset</u> wet AMD should be referred by fax on the appropriate referral pad.	Wet AMD form
CATARACT	Referral is by <u>accredited optometrists only</u> . If necessary refer to an accredited colleague. Patients should not be referred via the GP unless they have suspected co-morbidity.	Direct cataract referral form
DIABETICS	Retinopathy screening, by way of fundus photographs, takes place at Milton Keynes Hospital. If you see a diabetic who has never been screened or not within the past twelve months, please inform their GP and request that they are included on the screening register.	GOS 18
CHILDREN	School nurses check the visual acuity of most children in state schools around the age of five. Any child not meeting their standards will be referred to the orthoptic department.	GOS 18
GLAUCOMA	Currently no scheme.	GOS 18
LOW VISION	Referral via the GP for assessment by hospital optometrists at Milton Keynes Hospital LV clinic. LVLs should be issued to patients who may require access to social services. There is a Bucks Vision Resource Centre in Netherfield.	GOS 18, LVL

USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS:

Milton Keynes Hospital Eye Dept. – 01908 660033 x2829 (fax – 01908 243714)
 Stoke Mandeville Hospital Eye Casualty – 01296 315939
 Northampton General Hospital – 01604 634700 ask for eye casualty
 Bucks Vision Resource Centre – 01908 395498
 Jill Ellis (Optometric Advisor to MK PCT) – 07795800222, jill.ellis@buckinghamshire.nhs.uk
 Angela McNamee (LOC Secretary) – 07788424152, bucksloc@hotmail.com

FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM:

BUS & Wet AMD – <http://www.loc-net.org.uk/bucksloc/11563224751772.html>
 Cataract – Ring the 'Referral Centre' 01908 214282 for forms and booklets
 LVI – http://www.miltonkeynes.gov.uk/socialcare-health/documents/LV1_referral_letteri2003.pdf