

Eyecare Pathways in Mid & South Bucks

Please clearly indicate a provisional diagnosis and required service/clinic if known. Also ensure all patient details are included and your practice details are printed (**not a stamp as it doesn't scan**)

Triage The Practice -Ophthalmology	IMPORTANT: For all Bucks patients referrals (except emergencies, wet AMD and enhanced cataract referrals) should be sent for triage to 'The Practice - Ophthalmology'. Tel: 01494 690950 Fax: 01494 765531 Referral Support Line: 01494 690900 (not clinical advice)		
Emergencies	Please give the patient a copy of the referral letter to take to their appointment, which you should arrange at one of the following hospitals:		
Stoke Mandeville (Aylesbury)	Tel: 01296 315939 Fax: 01296 315037 If clinical advice is required and not available on this number, call the switchboard on 01296 315000 and ask to speak to the on-call ophthalmologist.		
Wycombe & Amersham	Tel: 01494 425509 Fax: 01494 425467 Amersham (Tuesday am), Wycombe (Tuesday pm, Wednesday am and Friday pm)		
Oxford	Tel: 01865 231494 (patients helpline number: 01865 234800)		
Windsor	Tel: 01753 636359 (or 01753 636496 for out of hours clinic)		
Cataracts	<p>Accredited optometrists should refer patients for cataract operations direct to the hospital, using the cataract referral form. Non-accredited optometrists <u>must</u> refer patients to an accredited optometrist. Patients already under the HES or with undiagnosed co-pathology should be referred in the normal way. Cataract referrals can be chased on 01296 315653.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;"> Ophthalmology Outpatients Department One Stop Cataract Clinic Wycombe General Hospital Queen Alexandra Road High Wycombe Buckinghamshire HP11 2TT </td><td style="width: 50%;"> Ophthalmology Outpatients Department One Stop Cataract Clinic Stoke Mandeville Hospital Mandeville Road Aylesbury Buckinghamshire HP21 8AL </td></tr> </table>	Ophthalmology Outpatients Department One Stop Cataract Clinic Wycombe General Hospital Queen Alexandra Road High Wycombe Buckinghamshire HP11 2TT	Ophthalmology Outpatients Department One Stop Cataract Clinic Stoke Mandeville Hospital Mandeville Road Aylesbury Buckinghamshire HP21 8AL
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Children	Vision screening in state schools at age 5 is conducted by the school nurse or health care assistant; some children are then referred to their local optometrist for further investigation. If presented with a form please return it as requested.		
Diabetics	All patients with diabetes should be offered retinopathy screening via their GP (organised by the PCT). If patients are not being screened, please refer to the GP with a request for retinopathy screening (not an ophthalmology referral).		
Dry eye (etc)	Dry eye, blepharitis, chalazion, stye & epiphora: only refer if six weeks of lid hygiene and artificial tears has failed to alleviate the symptoms.		
Glaucoma IOP refinement	<p>Please be aware of the joint colleges (Dec 2010) guidance on referral criteria, available on our website (www.loc-net.org.uk/buckloc).</p> <p>Practitioners who are accredited on the Glaucoma Referral Refinement (GRR) scheme can refine suspect ocular hypertensive (OHT) patient referrals using Goldmann Applanation Tonometry. Non-accredited optometrists should refer to accredited optometrists within their practice if possible, or to 'The Practice: Ophthalmology' if not. Patients with suspicious discs or visual fields defects should be referred in the normal way.</p>		
Low vision	Optometrists can issue a low vision leaflet (LVL) to help patients access other low vision services, downloadable here: http://www.loc-net.org.uk/uploaded_files/11563223801731/low_vision_leaflet.pdf		
Suspect wet AMD	Rapid referrals for wet AMD can be made via special referral forms to four local eye departments (fax numbers can be found on the forms). Patients must have a visual acuity of 6/96 or better and less than a three month history of either: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. visual loss 2. spontaneously reported distortion 3. onset of missing patch / blurring of central vision. 		
Other referrals	All other referrals for an ophthalmologist's opinion should be sent to The Practice: Ophthalmology (see 'Triage' above). Please give a provisional diagnosis and suggest the appropriate clinic for onward referral (eg One-Stop YAG, oculo-plastic etc). Patients from outside the area should be referred to their GP.		