

About this Leaflet

Your optometrist has provided you with this information because you will benefit from a cataract operation.

Cataract Choice

This leaflet provides you with important information about choosing where to have your cataract operation.

Under Free Choice, you can now choose to go to any hospital in England to receive your treatment, including many private and independent sector hospitals and treatment centres.

Whichever hospital you choose, the treatment will be free to you and paid for by the NHS.

Making Your Choice

You may have already made your decision during the consultation with your optometrist.

However, if you feel that you would like to know more about the hospital providers before making your decision, you can visit www.nhs.uk or contact the Choice Team on 0800 028 4517 and ask for the **Patient Care Advisor** for further information.

If a decision was made following the consultation, please be sure to contact the **Patient Care Advisor** to let them know the outcome.

Someone can call on your behalf, but please ensure that they know your date of birth as we will ask for this for data protection purposes.

Once the choice has been made the referral will be sent on to your chosen hospital who will contact you in due course to offer you an outpatient appointment.

If you haven't heard from the chosen hospital 4 weeks after being referred please contact your optometrist or the **Patient Care Advisor**.

If you have any further enquiries regarding your first outpatient appointment or chosen hospital provider please feel free to call the **Patient Care Advisor**.



Local Choices Include:-

- Milton Keynes Hospital (NHS)
- Blakelands Treatment Centre, Milton Keynes (Ramsay Health Care)
- Bedford Hospital (NHS)
- Northampton Hospital (NHS)
- Luton & Dunstable Hospital (NHS)
- Stoke Mandeville Hospital (NHS)

Waiting Times

As long as you choose it and it is right for you, treatment should start within 18 weeks.

To contact the Choice Team and speak to the **Patient Care Advisor** please call:-

Freephone Telephone

0800 028 4517

Monday – Friday 9am – 4pm

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