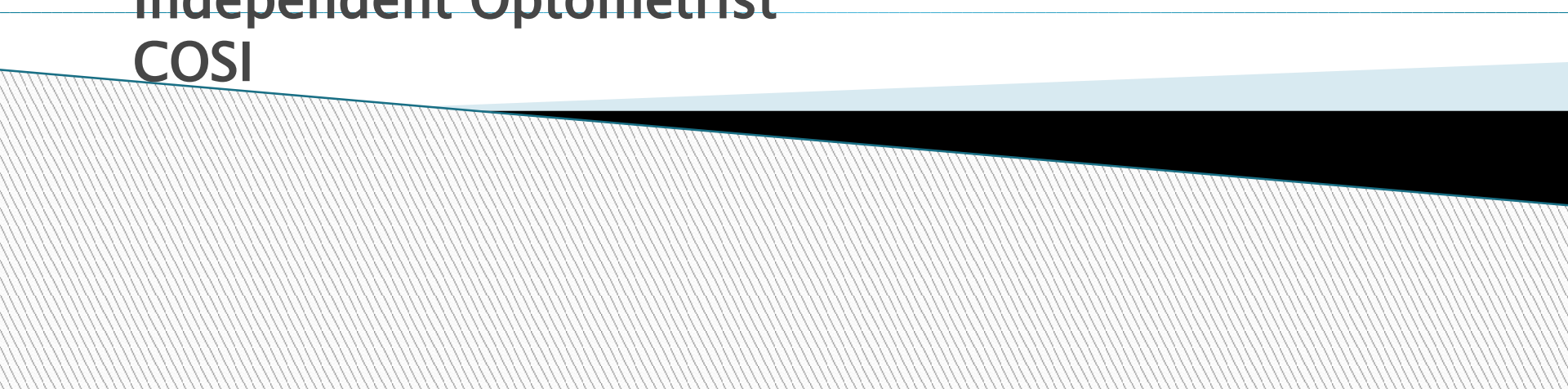
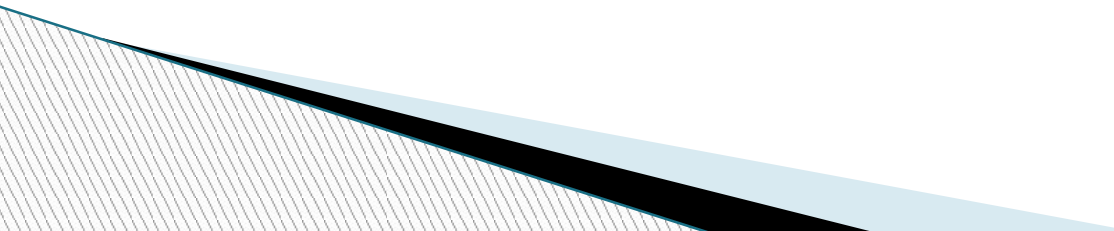


ENHANCED SERVICES IN NORTH STAFFS & STOKE 2014

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CURRENT SERVICES IN NORTH STAFFS & STOKE

1. DIRECT ACCESS CATARACT REFERRAL
 2. PAEDIATRIC SHARED CARE SERVICE
 3. ACUTE EYE SERVICE/ PEARS
 4. POST-OP CATARACT EXAMINATION
 5. GLAUCOMA PATHWAYS
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DIRECT ACCESS CATARACT

- ▶ Service has been active since 2001
- ▶ **Protocol** – Accred Optom perform dilated slit lamp exam in addition to normal eye exam. Evaluate Px difficulties, VA < 6/12 threshold? Discuss options, risks of op with Px and refer if appropriate. Provide Px with written info as well.
- ▶ **Outcome** – Paper based DAC form/fax referral. All current referrals go to NStaffs & Stoke Choice & Referral Centre, Px is triaged and offered appropriate choice/ centre for

PAEDIATRIC SHARED CARE SERVICE

- ▶ Launched in 2006. UHNS based
- ▶ **Protocol** – After school screening, Orthoptist refers child to COSI to evaluate ocular health & Rx. Cycloplegic refraction & headset BIO performed on Px. Results fed back using electronic metastorm system
- ▶ **Outcome**– Px can be discharged, referred back to Orthoptist for routine review or Ophthalmologist investigation. If appropriate, spectacles are dispensed.

ACUTE EYE SERVICE/PEARS 1

- ▶ Launched in 2001 as pilot, north staffs wide 2011
- ▶ **Protocol** – Px referred in from GP's, non-accred Optoms, Emergency eye clinic. Clinical investigation required to identify ocular abnormality or at least rule it out & provide solution for Px symptoms.
- ▶ **Outcome** – Results fed back using Metastorm system, where Px can be discharged with advice, referred to GP for investigation/prescription for appropriate therapeutic drug

ACUTE EYE SERVICE/PEARS 2

- ▶ One key point about this service is to make sure Px is seen in timely manner so no danger of sight loss while waiting for appt! We have introduced a triage questionnaire for use by Optical receptionist, after which COSI can decide on urgency of appt required.
- ▶ This pathway is great way of using the full spectrum of your core clinical skills to investigate a whole variety of conditions, which you wouldn't necessarily come across in routine GOS/PVT eye examination. Crucially this helps reduce load on emergency

POST-OP CATARACT EXAMINATION

- ▶ Launched in 2007, electronic in 2010
- ▶ **Protocol** – 4wks after cataract op, Px referred to COSI. Required to take H&S, refract, IOPs and perform anterior and dilated (BIO lens) posterior segment SLamp examination to check incision healing/signs of infection, IOL defects, macular oedema, RD etc
- ▶ **Outcome** – COSI decides to Discharge/list 2nd eye/refer back to HES (routine or emergency)

GLAUCOMA PATHWAYS 1

- ▶ Originally launched in 2011, then revamped last year
- ▶ Divided into 2 levels of referral refinement + OHT/suspect COAG monitoring. Soon to be fully electronic.
- ▶ **TEST A Protocol**– accred Optoms measure IOP with GAT/Perkins for Px referred with IOP >21mm Hg. Outcome: Discharge/Refer for Test B/Refer to Emerg Eye Clinic
- ▶ **TEST B** – GAT, Van Hericks, SL VOLK Disc assessment, Threshold VFs. Outcome:

GLAUCOMA PATHWAYS 2

- ▶ GRR introduced to deal with effect of **NICE guidelines**, which would result in unmanageable HES activity.
- ▶ Diagnosed or suspect COAG/OHT Px make up a significant proportion of all Ophthalmology appts as they **require lifelong care**. The ageing population will only fuel this segment. In terms of our geographical spread and core clinical skills, community Optometry is well placed to serve both referral refinement and stable OHT/suspect COAG monitoring of such Px

CURRENT COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

PATHWAY	Number Accredited	2013 Activity
Direct Access Cataract	55	1227
Paediatric	20	1552
Post- Op Cataract	20	783
Acute/PEARS	16*	1656
Glaucoma A	28	392 (April–Dec 2014)
Glaucoma B (incl suspect OHT/COAG)	5	218

NB. There are **97** Optoms in North Staffs & Stoke. Some Optoms are accredited to deliver several community services. Refer to new Staffs LOC website for map of Optom practices & pathways they are involved in.

KEY POINTS & TARIFF

SERVICE	Approx Chair time	Result submission	Accreditation required	Tariff
Direct Access Cataract	Normal eye exam + Dilation time	Paper based	Attend LOC presentation	£ 17.50
Paediatric	15–25mins + Cyclo time	Electronic	Attend UHNS Orthopt/Ophalm Dept (1 session)	£ 40.00
Post Cataract	30mins + Dilation time	Electronic	2 UHNS session + Dist Learn CDROM	£ 40.00
Acute/PEARS	Avg 10–35 mins + Dilation time (if reqd)	Electronic	Dist Learning CDROM + OSCE	£ 40.00
Glaucoma Test A	5 mins	Electronic*	Dist Learn CDROM+OSCE	£ 13.50
Glaucoma Test B & OHT/Suspect COAG monitoring	20–30 mins + Dilation time (if reqd)	Electronic	Dist Learn CDROM + OSCE's + UHNS sessions	£ 45.00

REASONS TO BE CHEERFUL (Px Edition)

- ▶ Seen in **timely** manner in a **familiar** and safe setting by accredited **EYECARE PROFESSIONALS**
- ▶ Px referral is **direct** to Ophthalmology, bypassing GP step but they are always notified of outcome
- ▶ Good geographical spread means **convenient** locations and also offers Px choice/potential option for Px to be seen by own Optom

REASONS TO BE CHEERFUL (CCG Edition)

- ▶ Significant reduction in HES Ophthalmology appts results in significant **£ savings**
- ▶ Further growth of primary care Optom services will help secure a more **sustainable local health economy** in future
- ▶ **Assurance** that Px are seen in a timely manner by EYECARE Professionals, who are fully accredited and insured

REASONS TO BE CHEERFUL

(Optom Edition)

- ▶ Great opportunity to use the full spectrum of your **CORE CLINICAL SKILLS**
- ▶ Adds **variety** to your routine NHS/PVT sight testing regime
- ▶ Enhances your clinical reputation and improve footfall in your practice
- ▶ Help **reduce load** on HES and local health economy

TO CONCLUDE, BIG THANK YOU TO

- ▶ LOC Chair/Officers past (Malcolm, Stephen, Carolyn) & present (Stewart, Mark, Shelley, Ian) et al
- ▶ LOC Secretaries past and present (Alison)
- ▶ CCG Partnership (Gemma Smith & Cheryl H)
- ▶ UHNS Ophthalmology support. (MEI?)
- ▶ **YOU!** – Your support and participation are key to continued success & growth of these services

NEW LOC WEBSITE

- ▶ for further detail on community services and other useful info/links
 - ▶ <http://www.staffsloc.co.uk>
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- ▶ **Contact (LOC Secretary) Alison Lowell**
 - ▶ Email: admin@staffsloc.co.uk
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THANK YOU FOR LISTENING!

