**South Staffordshire MECS Ophthalmology Referral Routes**

**MECS Urgent (<24hrs, <72 hrs) Referral Options:**

1. New Cross ARC (fax to 01902 695842, then phone 01901 695805 to make sure fax received)
2. Queens Hospital Burton (Mon-Fri and Sat to 12:00pm) - Phone for appointment, and fax referral: 01283 536760 (F), 01283 566333 x5085 (T), otherwise:
3. Birmingham and Midland Eye Centre (BMEC) City Hospital - Triage Tel: 0121 507 6780
Fax: 0121 507 6771

**MECS Routine Referral Options:**

1. Cannock Chase Hospital (following the move from County Hospital on 02/01/2018) - electronic referral is made automatically from the OptoManager MECS module upon signing off the episode
2. New Cross Hospital - via GP, as per current protocol
3. Queens Hospital Burton – Direct referrals have been enabled, but please inform GP. Email Patient Registration (medical.records@nhs.net), but only if you have an NHS.net account. Otherwise, post referral to: *Ophthalmology Referrals, Eye Department Treatment Centre, Queens Hospital, Belvedere Road, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire DE13 0RB.*
4. Samuel Johnson Hospital Lichfield Tel: 01543 263858, and Sir Robert Peel Hospital Tamworth Tel: 01827 263858. Direct referrals have been enabled, but please inform GP. Email bhft.burtonreferrals@nhs.net but only if you have an NHS.net account. Otherwise, post referral to: *Appointments, Sir Robert Peel Hospital, Plantation Lane, Mile Oak, Tamworth, Staffs. B78 3NG.* The appointment booking for BOTH Samuel Johnson Lichfield and Sir Robert Peel Tamworth is carried out at Sir Robert Peel. The previous fax number has been disabled.

**PLEASE NOTE:** All referral routes can be used by both MECS and non-MECS clinicians, except MECS Urgent Referrals Item 1 and MECS Routine Referrals Item 1, which are open to South Staffs MECS clinicians only. For any emergency (same day) referrals to New Cross Hospital, non-MECS clinicians must refer via New Cross A&E. Urgent (non-emergency) referrals from non-MECS clinicians to New Cross should still be referred via the GP, who can book into ARC. For any routine referrals to Cannock Chase Hospital, non-MECS clinicians must refer via GP as per current protocol.