

Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Glaucoma Service

The Services

We would like to inform you that Primary Eye Care Services Ltd, in collaboration with; North Staffordshire, Stoke-on-Trent, Cannock Chase, Stafford and Surrounds, South East Staffordshire and Seisdon Peninsula CCGs, with the support of Staffordshire Local Optical Committee, will launch the following Community Ophthalmology services in the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent locality.

- Glaucoma Repeat Readings (GRR)
- Glaucoma Enhanced Case Findings (ECF)

Service aims and objectives.

- The aim of the Glaucoma Referral refinement pathway is to reduce false positive referrals to the hospital eye service, reducing patient anxiety and increasing capacity within the overburdened hospital glaucoma clinics.
- Glaucoma Repeat Readings (GRR) pathway is for patients with raised IOPs and/or suspect visual fields with no other signs of glaucoma. Patients can be seen by their own practice immediately following a sight test, or at another participating practice for repeat readings, to confirm findings before referral to secondary care.
- Glaucoma Enhanced Case Finding (ECF) pathway is for patients with multiple suspicious clinical signs and/or risk factors of glaucoma. The aim of the service is to use the skills of accredited primary care optometrists to repeat diagnostic tests to confirm the risk of disease and thus improve the accuracy of referrals and deflect unnecessary referrals.
- These services will be available for patients who are registered with a GP in the CCGs listed above. In addition, patients with GP practices in other CCGs which have also commissioned the service, are eligible to be referred out to participating optical practices. This includes, but is not limited to, Wolverhampton, Derby and Derbyshire.

Service Fees

GRR

1 st Repeat IOP or Visual Field	£28
2 nd Repeat IOP or Visual Field	£27
1 st Repeat (Px from a non-participating practice)	£35
2 nd Repeat (Px from a non-participating practice)	£27

ECF

OHT/Glaucoma monitoring (Including OCT)	£75
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Service help and support

- Practices and Practitioners can use the OPERA help menu as the first port of call for help and support, and or the OPERA support bubble to pose queries (or email hello@referral.support). Both these tools can be found on the OPERA home page.
- Wider Primary and Secondary Care providers that want to know more about the service can contact our service support team direct on: hello@referral.support
- Urgent referrals back to providers should be made on Opera **AND as per local protocol, usually by telephoning the hospital provider**