

Ophthalmology Patient Information

GPs refer patients to the community Ophthalmology service where they will be seen by a Consultant who specialises in Ophthalmology – the medical practice dealing with the health and wellbeing of the eyes.

Preparation

Be prepared to spend up to **1 hour** at the clinic. If you wear glasses or are taking any medication, eye drops or ointments including herbal or homeopathic preparations please bring these with you. It may be necessary to dilate your pupils for examination, if this the case it is inadvisable for you to drive following your appointment.

The Consultant will ask you questions about your general health and wellbeing as well as the problems that you are experiencing. At the end of your appointment your Consultant will give you information about your problem and answer any further question you have, and tell you the best course of action according to your results.

A written report is sent to your GP within 48 hours which will have information about any medication your GP needs to prescribe for you.

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Minor Operations

Your Consultant may recommend that you have a minor operation performed and sometimes this can be carried out in the community clinic or you may be referred to a local hospital e.g. for cataract surgery.

Follow Up Appointments

If you have been asked to have a follow up appointment, it is very important that you attend. If you do not attend, this may affect your sight.

Medication

Please make sure that you follow the correct instructions for taking your medication. You will be provided with leaflets at your appointment and you can also access them on our website.