

## Referral Pathways North Essex CCG

Patients with a GP in: Brightlingsea, Clacton, Colchester, Fingringhoe, Frinton, Harwich, Manningtree, Marks Tey, Rowhedge, Tendring, Tiptree,  
Walton on the Naze, West Bergholt, West Mersea & Wivenhoe

Condition	Form	Referral Method
<b>Emergency</b>	GOS 18/ LOC Referral form	Phone Primary Care Centre on 01206 286882 for advice, then, if you have NHS mail, email referral to chu-ftp. eyereferurgent@nhs.net or fax referral to 01206 286850
<b>Urgent</b>	Referral management centre	As per emergency (see above). Phone & email/fax the eye clinic. Alternatively, refer via referral management service (Evolutio) all urgents other than suspect Wet AMD
<b>Routine</b>	GOS 18 / Referral management centre	GOS 18 via GP or online evolutio portal
<b>IOP &gt;23</b>	GOS 18 / Referral management centre	If no other signs of glaucoma, then refer via GRR scheme. Inter-practice referrals are permitted. More info & forms at <a href="http://primary-eyecare.co.uk/enhanced-optometric-services.php">http://primary-eyecare.co.uk/enhanced-optometric-services.php</a>
<b>MECS</b>	GOS 18 / Referral management centre	Refer to practitioner on MECs scheme via GOS 18/RMC. Patients can self-refer or present having been sign-posted by any health care provider. Details of participating practices at: <a href="http://primary-eyecare.co.uk/enhanced-optometric-services.php">http://primary-eyecare.co.uk/enhanced-optometric-services.php</a> .
<b>Paediatrics</b>	GOS 18/ LOC Referral form	Patient can be referred to one of practices on list found at <a href="http://primary-eyecare.co.uk/enhanced-optometric-services.php">http://primary-eyecare.co.uk/enhanced-optometric-services.php</a> .
<b>Wet AMD</b>	GOS 18/ LOC Referral form	No specialised pathway. Do NOT use evolutio. Follow Emergency route as above, and mark as Urgent.
<b>Cataract</b>	Check SRP	No specialised pathway. Referral must state if patient wishes to have the operation. Must contain info if px smokes or not
<b>Post Op Cataract Service</b>	Printed form after completion of Webstar form	If appropriate, second eye referral done through Optomanager.

In all cases you should choose the best referral pathway for your patient.

GOS 18 available on LOC website at: <http://essex-loc.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/GOS18-Electronic-Final.pdf>

LOC Referral form available on LOC website at: <http://essex-loc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Ophthalmology-referral-pro-forma.pdf>