

Referral Pathways West Essex CCG

Patients with a GP in Buckhurst Hill, Epping, Great Dunmow, Harlow, Loughton, Ongar, Steeple Bumpsted & Uttlesford

| Condition | Form | Referral Method |
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| Emergency | GOS 18 | Call PAH 01279 444455 extension 3018 & speak to nurse. PAH & Whipps 9am to 4pm, Mon-Fri. Moorfields 24 hour. There is a WhatsApp group lead by Ms Madi, the Eye Casualty Consultant, where she can give advice on referrals. To join please email Emma at secretary@essex-loc.org |
| Urgent | GOS 18 | Email to tpa-tr.ophthalmology@nhs.net if you have NHS email or follow emergency protocol |
| Routine | GOS 18 | Refer to eye department via patient's GP, triaged by GPSI at St Margarets |
| IOP >23 | GOS 18 | Refer to GP, triaged by GPSI at St Margarets |
| MECS | GOS 18 / LOC Referral form | Refer to practitioner on MECs scheme via GOS 18/LOC referral form. Patients can self-refer or present having been sign-posted by any health care provider. Details of participating practices & conditions at: http://primary-eyecare.co.uk/enhanced-optometric-services.php . |
| Paediatrics | | Not available in area |
| Wet AMD | Wet AMD referral form | Use the referral form at: https://www.rcophth.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/2010-SCI-048-AMD-Electronic-Referral-Form-edited.pdf Ideally email this to tpa-tr.ophthalmology@nhs.net if you have an NHS email address. Alternatively, give the px a copy of the referral and ask them to take it to the eye department at PAH or last choice post referrals to the eye department clearly marked 'Wet AMD Patient'. PAH will send the px an appointment in due course. |
| Cataract | GOS 18 | Check SRP in your area for referral guidelines. A copy can be found on the LOC website. |
| Post Op Cataract Service | | NOT available in area |

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>

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