

Referral Pathways Mid Essex CCG

Patients with a GP in: Braintree, Burnham on Crouch, Castle Hedingham, Chelmsford, Halstead, Hatfield Peverel, Kelvedon, Maldon, South Woodham Ferrers & Witham
The main hospital for the region is Broomfield but you can refer to Colchester (see NE Essex pathway) or Southend (see Southend/CPR pathway)

Condition	Form	Referral Method
Emergency & Urgent	LOC referral form	Fax to Broomfield on 01245 516477 or email Mie-tr.emergency.eyeclinic@nhs.net Monday-Friday 09:00-17:00 - Please bleep the On-Call Nurse on #6555 3023 and email referral as above Outside of these hours - Please bleep the on-call ophthalmologist via switchboard and discuss the patient with them. Only send through referral if the ophthalmology doctor has requested you to do so.
Routine	LOC referral form	Fax to Broomfield on 01245 514711 or email Mie-tr.merc.eyeclinic@nhs.net
IOP >23	LOC referral form	Refer direct to practitioner on GRR scheme via LOC referral form. Details of participating practices & restrictions at: http://primary-eyecare.co.uk/enhanced-optometric-services.php
MECS	LOC referral form	Refer to practitioner on MECs scheme via 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	LOC referral form	Refer direct to accredited Optometrist.
Wet AMD	LOC referral form	No specialised pathway. Follow urgent protocol.
Cataract	LOC referral form	No specialised pathway. Follow routine protocol. Referral must state if patient wishes to have the operation. You can also refer to spa medica via nhs email to spamedica.referrals@nhs.net or fax to 01204 441340. Springfield hospital can also see NHS cataract patients, contact them at 01245 234151 or via NHS email at RHC.springfield-NHScoordinators@nhs.net or alternatively post the referral to Springfield hospital
Post Op Cataract Service	Electronically via Opera system	Emergency referrals: speak to on call Ophthalmologist as above. Reports for hospital's attention fax to 01702 385877. If appropriate, second eye / routine referrals done through OPERA.

Electronic referrals directly to the hospital are advised via the electronic referral platform. Please contact the LOC for details.

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

Referral form available at <http://essex-loc.org/mid-south-essex/>