## **Referral Pathways Princess Alexander Hospital**

Condition	Form	Referral Method
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 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	Electronically via Opera system	If appropriate, second eye referral done through Opera online system. Emergency referrals: speak to on call Ophthalmologist as above.

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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