

Referral Pathways Southend Hospital

Condition	Form	Referral Method
Emergency	LOC referral form	Monday - Friday 08:00 to 18:00 - Call 07920132420 then email mse.eyecarehub@nhs.net using NHS mail. Outside of these hours (and bank holidays) - please call the main switchboard on 01702 435555 and ask for Ophthalmology on call.
Urgent	LOC referral form	Use NHS mail to email referral to mse.urgentophthalmologysouthend@nhs.net Inboxes are managed Monday to Friday 8am to 4pm.
Routine	LOC referral form	For Southend and Orsett, use NHS mail to email the referral for triage at mse.eyecarehub@nhs.net or for BMI Southend Hospital use Southend-NHSReferrals@circlehealthgroup.co.uk
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	Use NHS mail to email to mse.eyecarehubpaeds@nhs.net
Wet AMD	LOC referral form	Use NHS mail to email referral to shn-tr.ophthalmology.referrals@nhs.net Spa Medica (Chelmsford/Romford) accept AMD referrals via spamedica.referrals@nhs.net
Cataract	LOC referral form	Check Southend SRP - copy available on the LOC website. Refer routinely via mse.eyecarehubcataractsouthend@nhs.net, or to BMI Southend Hospital at Southend-NHSReferrals@circlehealthgroup.co.uk, or Spa Medica (Chelmsford/Romford) spamedica.referrals@nhs.net or Orsett 01268 592319
POCS	Electronically via Opera system	Emergency referrals: speak to on call Ophthalmologist as above. If appropriate, second eye / routine referrals done through OPERA.
Suspect Eye Cancers	LOC referral form	Fax a referral to Southend on the normal form to 01702 508174. Clearly mark "suspect cancer".(Not for small naevi queries)

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/>

Specific Cancer referral form available at <http://essex-loc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/2-Week-Cancer-referral-form-for-Southend.doc>