

Referral Pathways Colchester Hospital

| Condition | Form | Referral Method |
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| Emergency & Urgent | LOC Referral Form | Phone Primary Care Centre on 01206 746066 & option 6, for advice, then, use NHS mail to email referral to esneft.eyereferurgent@nhs.net Not for patients chasing referrals |
| Wet AMD | AMD Referral Form | Use NHS mail to email referral to esneft.amdreferralcolchester@nhs.net on AMD referral form. |
| Routine | LOC Referral Form | Use NHS mail to email referral to the Ophthalmology booking department for triage at esneft.eyedepartmentcolchester@nhs.net Or LOC referral form via GP |
| Cataract | LOC Referral Form | No specialised pathway. Follow routine route as above. Referral must state if the patient wishes to have the operation. Alternatively, you can send directly to one of the Independent Service Providers at: https://essex-loc.org/isp/ |
| IOP >23 | LOC Referral Form | Refer direct to practitioner on GRR scheme via LOC referral form. Details of participating practices & restrictions at: https://essex-loc.org/enhanced-services/enhanced-services-north-essex/ |
| 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: https://essex-loc.org/enhanced-services/enhanced-services-north-essex/ |
| Paediatrics | LOC Referral Form | Patient can be referred to one of practices on list found at https://essex-loc.org/enhanced-services/enhanced-services-north-essex/ |
| Post Op Cataract Service | Electronically via Opera system | Follow pathway supplied by Primary Eyecare Services when you registered Second eye referral done through Opera online system. Emergency referrals: as above. Second eye referrals should be made to the original provider. |
| Suspect Stroke | LOC Referral Form | Colchester Hospital will accept referrals for "Transient, painless unilateral loss of vision (TIA/Amaurosis Fugax)" and "new painless bilateral field defect". More info at http://essex-loc.org/north-essex/ Send to tiareferrals@esneft.nhs.uk |

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

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

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