

Referral Pathways Princess Alexander Hospital

Condition	Form	Referral Method
Emergency	GOS 18	Phone 01279 454910 to speak to the emergency nurse, if requested, use NHS mail to email tpa-tr.ophthalmology@nhs.net. 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 us at IT@essex-loc.org
Urgent	GOS 18	Use NHS mail to email tpa-tr.ophthalmology@nhs.net if you have NHS email or follow emergency protocol
Wet AMD	Wet AMD referral form	Use the referral form at: https://essex-loc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/V4-WET-AMD-RAPID-ACCESS-REFERRAL-FORM_24AUG24.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'.
Routine	GOS 18	Refer to eye department via patient's GP.
Cataract	GOS 18	No specialised pathway. Cataract referral via GP Alternatively, you can send directly to one of the Independent Service Providers at: https://essex-loc.org/isp/
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: https://essex-loc.org/enhanced-services/enhanced-services-west-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. Second eye referrals should be made to the original provider.

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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