

## Referral Pathways Broomfield Hospital

Condition	Form	Referral Method
<b>Emergency</b>	LOC Referral Form	Phone switchboard on 03004430001 and ask for the ophthalmologist on call. Then email mse.emergency.eyeclinik@nhs.net using NHS mail. <b>Not for patients chasing referrals.</b> There is <b>No VR Surgeon</b> at Broomfield. Don't send detachments
<b>Urgent</b>	LOC Referral Form	Use NHS mail to email referral to mse.urgentophthalmologybroomfield@nhs.net Inboxes are managed Monday to Friday 8am to 4pm.
<b>Wet AMD</b>	LOC Referral Form	Use NHS mail to email referral to mse.emergency.eyeclinik@nhs.net Spa Medica (Chelmsford/Romford) accept AMD referrals via spamedica.referrals@nhs.net
<b>Routine</b>	GOS 18 on Opera LOC referral form	All routine referrals should go to the triage hub either via Opera, or NHS mail to mse.eyecarehub@nhs.net
<b>Paediatrics</b>	LOC Referral Form	Use NHS mail to email to mse.eyecarehubpaeds@nhs.net
<b>Cataract</b>	GOS 18 on Opera LOC referral form	All cataract referrals to go via Opera or mse.eyecarehub@nhs.net
<b>Suspect Glaucoma</b>	GOS 18 on Opera LOC referral form	Any suspect glaucoma referrals send to triage hub via Opera or mse.eyecarehub@nhs.net
<b>MECS</b>	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: <a href="https://essex-loc.org/enhanced-services/enhanced-services-mid-south-essex/">https://essex-loc.org/enhanced-services/enhanced-services-mid-south-essex/</a> in the MECS section
<b>Post Op Cataract Service</b>	Electronically via Opera system	Emergency referrals: speak to on call Ophthalmologist as above. Routine complication referrals to the original provider If appropriate, second eye / routine referrals done through OPERA.
<b>Suspect Eye Cancers</b>	LOC Referral Form	Follow the urgent pathway, clearly marking the referral as "suspect cancer". (Not for small naevi queries)

**Electronic referrals directly to the hospital are advised via the electronic referral platform - OPERA. Please contact enquiries@essex-loc.org for details.**

All routine referrals are now required to be triaged in the hub. Your patients may be redirected to a more suitable community service.

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>