

Stockport LOC and NHS Stockport

Cataract referrals

The referral centre (CCC – Customer Care Centre) that used to receive and process cataract referrals has been closed down. During the autumn we will move to an electronic platform for cataract referrals. This will be similar to the system used for raised IOP referrals and will automate the referral process.

In the meantime, we need an interim arrangement to fill the gap. This will require you to fax the referral and health questionnaire direct to the treatment centre chosen by the patient.

The process is as follows:

- Optometrist decides to refer patient for Cataract Surgery
- Discuss choice of the following hospitals with the patient
- Ensure patient has completed the 'Patient Questionnaire' and attach to the Cataract Referral Form
- Fax the patient's referral form and questionnaire to the chosen hospital.
- Give the patient the contact details of the hospital that they have chosen in case they need to chase the referral at a later date.

Please note: Referrals are to be faxed along with a copy of the patient questionnaire, the referral may be sent back to the optometrist if a patient questionnaire is not provided.

Stepping Hill Hospital

Tel: 0161 419 4010

Fax: 419 4998

Waiting time for surgery: Exceeds 18 Weeks

Macclesfield General Hospital

Tel: 01625 663 333

Fax: 01625 661 314

Waiting time for surgery: 3-4 months

Withington hospital (fax to MRI referrals centre)

MRI Referral Centre Tel: 0161 276 5547

MRI Referral Centre Fax: 0161 276 6794

Withington Hospital Cataract Centre Tel: 0161 217 3299

Waiting time for surgery: 3-4 months

The Regency Hospital Macclesfield (Independent Provider)

Tel: 01625 501150

Fax: 01625 505433

Waiting time for surgery: Not specified but guarantee to meet 18weeks

Remember – do not post referrals to CCC, fax to the chosen treatment centre instead