

Stockport Patient Referral Information January 2015

For up to date information on all referrals and the revised letter for patients at point of wetAMD referral see the referrals page of the LOC website

<http://www.stockportloc.co.uk/referral/>

For electronic GOS18 see the practitioner documents page. Referrals cannot be properly triaged for urgency if they are not readable and 1 in 6 optometry referrals cannot be read by the ophthalmologist.

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Optegra Eye Hospital: This hospital accepts NHS patients **18 and older** who will normally be seen within 6 weeks and treated well inside 18 weeks. Referrals after raised IOP or cataract enhanced services to Optegra should go as normal via Webstar. For referrals via the GP make the choice of provider clear in your referral. If you do not wish to make a named consultant referral the referral will be triaged at Optegra to a suitable consultant. The hospital is located on Princess Parkway close to the old Withington Hospital site. Parking is free. The following Consultant Ophthalmologists will accept named NHS patients **aged 18 and older** at Optegra Manchester:

Anna Maino	Speciality: Squint surgery, Cataract (once she returns from maternity leave)
Chris Hemmerdinger	Speciality: Glaucoma, Cataract, Dry Eye
Niall Patton	Cataract -Speciality: Vitreoretinal, Small Incision Sutureless Vitrectomy Surgery for Retinal Detachment, Macular Hole, Epiretinal Membrane and Diabetic Eye Disease
Dan Nolan	Speciality: Oculo Plastics, Orbital Surgery
Joey Cazabon	Speciality: Cataract, Vitreoretinal
Saj Mahmood	Speciality: Retinal disease, Floaters, Diabetic eye disease, Cataract, Glaucoma
Mark Yodaiken	Speciality: Retinal Disease, Diabetic Retinopathy, Cataract, Glaucoma, Corneal Disease
Mandagere Vishwanath	Speciality: Neuro Ophthalmology, Cataract
Dan Nguyen	Speciality Cataract surgery for patients with Glaucoma, Glaucoma (medical and surgical management), Laser treatment for glaucoma, Micro-incisional (key-hole) glaucoma surgery, Trabeculectomy and non-penetrating surgery for glaucoma, Glaucoma implant surgery for complex disease

SpaMedica Eye Hospital (Castlefield in Manchester): This hospital accepts patients **Over 18** who will normally be seen and treated within 4-6 weeks for the conditions listed below. For minor lid lumps such as chalazion this may be a one stop clinic. They do not provide general anaesthesia or see patients with latex allergy, severe co-morbidity, head tremor at rest, severe dementia, claustrophobia or implanted defibrillator. They will normally see patients needing YAG laser for posterior capsular opacity within 2 weeks irrespective of where they

had cataract surgery. Refer via Webstar after enhanced services for cataract or raised IOP or via GP through choose and book. Door to door patient transport is available if needed and there is free parking.

Consultants are:

Mr Anil Pitalia
Mr Khalid Khan
Mr Qasim Mansoor
Mr Ray Radford
Mr Joe Karthikappallil
Mr Tariq Aslan
Mr Felipe Dhawahir-Scala
Mr Sajjad Mahmood
Mr Wayne Crewe-Brown

In addition to cataract and YAG laser for posterior capsular opacity they offer:

Blepharoplasty
Ptosis
Ectropion repair
Entropion repair
Chalazion
Punctal Plugs
Punctoplasty
Sac Washout
Skin Lesions/Skin Tags
Punch Biopsy
Brow Lift
Tumour removal and reconstruction

Stepping Hill Hospital: The Stepping Hill Eye Casualty is unchanged but please do not send patients there if they could be seen via MECS. They are now meeting 18 weeks for most patients. Stepping Hill are accepting referrals **so patients can still choose to go there.**

Mr Brown – special interest in cornea and cataracts
Mr Ikram – special interest in cornea, refractive surgery and cataracts
Mr Moriarty – special interest in medical retina, glaucoma and cataracts
Miss Maino – special interest in paediatric ophthalmology and strabismus (maternity leave Jan-June 2015)
Mr Cannon – special interest in Oculoplastics and cataract
Mr Desai – special interest in medical retina and diabetic retinopathy and cataracts
Mr Zakieh – special interest in medical retina, diabetic retinopathy and cataracts
Mr Yuen – special interest in glaucoma and cataracts
(Until June 2015 Mr Kanawati – locum consultant with special interest in medical retina and cataracts)

Manchester Royal Eye Hospital: Patients can still also choose to go to MREH and please indicate this choice if referring via the GP.

Stockport Minor Eye Conditions Service (MECS)

This service provides a primary care alternative for patients with minor eye conditions or requiring further investigation of recent symptoms where ophthalmologist care is not indicated. Patients who meet the inclusion criteria for MECS should be directed there rather than being referred to hospital or GP. Examples would be recent flashes and floaters you have not investigated fully yourself, in-growing eyelashes etc. If you are not a MECS provider your practice staff should direct patients to MECS when appropriate. Any patient with other symptoms requiring medical attention should be sent to their GP or GP out of hours service. **A list of practices participating in MECS is available here and there is also a link from the LOC website.** <http://www.stockportmeecs.co.uk/>

Thank you for your help in ensuring patients are seen appropriately and safely.