



## Staffordshire & Stoke-on-Trent Glaucoma Referral Refinement Non-Participating Practice Guidance

All glaucoma/OHT suspect referrals for Staffordshire & Stoke-on-Trent patients must be made through the commissioned Glaucoma Referral Refinement pathway (if the patient meets the eligibility criteria)

Any referrals into the pathway from a non-participating practice should be sent to (Glaucoma Enhanced Case Finding – ECF).

**Where a practice does not provide Glaucoma Repeat Measure (GRM) or ECF ALL eligible patients should be referred for an ECF assessment rather than GRM.**

Any referrals sent to the GP or secondary care outside of this pathway will be rejected or deflected to Primary Eyecare Services. This may result in a significant delay in the patient receiving any required treatment.

**Please send referrals including supporting documents or images (e.g. Visual Fields, OCT reports, etc.) to the Primary Eyecare Services referral hub by NHS.net or Egress email ONLY to [cnech.pecservices@nhs.net](mailto:cnech.pecservices@nhs.net).**

**NOTE: PLEASE HIGHLIGHT ON YOUR EMAIL SUBJECT LINE YOUR REFERRAL IS FOR GLAUCOMA ECF**

**Please state the reason for the referral e.g. high IOP, optic disc changes, visual field, narrow angles, etc.**

**ECF Referral Process:**

- Referrals received by the central PES team are processed within 2 working days and are checked to ensure they are appropriate for the ECF.
- Any referrals received not suitable for the service will be rejected back to the referring optometrist to redirect.
- Patient is sent a letter giving a choice of practices. Patients can log in and choose a practice online or contact the PES central team by telephone to make a choice. If the patient fails to engage (FTE) the PES FTE protocol will be followed.
- Once a provider choice is selected, the referral and patient details will be shared with the provider optical practice on Opera.
- Provider optical practice contacts the patient to make an appointment.
- Patient is seen under the service and the outcome is recorded within Opera.

Patients who do not present or engage with the chosen optical practice will be processed as per the FTE/FTA protocols of the service.

**NOTE: If a patient has any access requirements, or requires a domiciliary optician for their pre-cat assessment, please add this to your email or referral letter**

## ECF ELIGIBILITY

### REFERRALS TO ECF PATHWAY VIA PRIMARY EYECARE SERVICES

#### **Non-participating GRM practice:**

- IOP  $\geq$ 24mmHg:
  - not repeated
  - repeated but not using GAT / Perkins
  - first repeat using GAT / Perkins and not repeated on another day
- IOP's <24mmHg with suspicious Visual Fields indicative of a glaucomatous loss not repeated on another day

#### **Non-participating ECF practice:**

- Suspicious discs/disc asymmetry **and** IOP <24 mmHg (GAT)
- RNFL Thinning on OCT
- Narrow/Occludable angles
- Any PDS/Pseudoexfoliation with IOP < 21mmHg

### REFERRALS DIRECT TO HES (FOLLOW LOCAL PROTOCOLS)

- Suspicion of Glaucomatous Disc changes **with** IOP >24mmHg and/or a glaucomatous visual field defect
- Any PDS/PXF with IOP >21mmHg
- IOP's >32mmHg
- Acute Angle Closure
- Rubeotic Glaucoma

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