

Your Request:

Papill(o)edema refers to swelling of the optic nerves at the back of both eyes caused by raised intracranial pressure. Sometimes this is described as blurred disc margins, raised disc margins, indistinct disc margins, or optic disc swelling. Some patients may have no symptoms, some have visual symptoms and others have headaches. Additionally, patients with headaches are often screened for signs of raised intracranial pressure, such as papilloedema.

We would like to find out how adults and children with papilloedema or headaches are handled in the community, and which secondary care services they may be referred to.

1) Where do community referrals of adults and children with papilloedema to secondary care come from? Please could you provide details of the referral process for patients with papilloedema from the community in the table below (you may expand the size of the boxes to fit your text). We have assumed that most cases of papilloedema will be picked up by different types of primary eye care professional. However, if this does not apply in your area, please provide details of the sources of referrals of papilloedema in the row marked "Other".

Our Response:

1) Please find listed below details of the community referral process for adults/children with papilloedema to secondary care in the each of the former CCG areas covered by NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB:

Cheshire

Please find enclosed '*Q1 FOI00022 Cheshire Table*' which details the information you have requested for the area of Cheshire.

Halton & Warrington

Please find enclosed '*Q1 FOI00022 Halton & Warrington Table*' which details the information you have requested for the area of Halton & Warrington.

Knowsley

Please find enclosed '*Q1 FOI00022 Knowsley Table*' which details the information you have requested for the area of Knowsley.

Liverpool

Please find enclosed '*Q1 FOI00022 Liverpool Table*' which details the information you have requested for the area of Liverpool.

Sefton

Please find enclosed '*Q1 FOI00022 Sefton Table*' which details the information you have requested for the area of Sefton.

St Helens

Please find enclosed 'Q1 FOI00022 St Helens Table' which details the information you have requested for the area of St Helens.

Wirral

Please find enclosed 'Q1 FOI00022 Wirral Table' which details the information you have requested for the area of Wirral.

Your Request:

2) If there are established referral pathways or guidelines for papilloedema could you please provide a copy, or the directions for accessing them online if available?

Our Response:

2) Please find listed below details of whether there are established referral pathways or guidelines for papilloedema in the each of the former CCG areas covered by NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB:

Cheshire

Cheshire has adopted the Walton Headache Pathway which includes the management of papilloedema a copy of which can be publicly accessed via the following link: www.cheshireformulary.nhs.uk/docs/launcher.asp?docID=263

Halton & Warrington

The referral pathways for papilloedema are available on The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust website via the following link: <https://www.thewaltoncentre.nhs.uk/pathways.htm>

Knowsley

No pathways are established currently.

Liverpool

The referral pathways for papilloedema are available on The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust website via the following link: <https://www.thewaltoncentre.nhs.uk/pathways.htm>

Sefton

Clinical Management guidelines for Optometrists state that papilloedema is an emergency (within 24 hours) referral <https://www.college-optometrists.org/clinical-guidance/guidance/guidance-annexes/annex-4-urgency-of-referrals-tablen>

Alder Hey Children's Hospital do see children and their triage guidelines are on the trust website <https://alderhey.nhs.uk/services/ophthalmology/triage>, some patients may go through The Walton Centre and papilloedema is referenced in the Pan Mersey headache pathway as a red flag <https://www.panmerseyapc.nhs.uk/media/2252/headache.pdf> and the rest will

go through ophthalmology services. Referrals would generally be generated via community optoms, MECS and GPs.

St Helens

Information not held – you may wish to redirect your request for this information to St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust via foirequests@sthk.nhs.uk.

Wirral

NICE and/or national guidance followed.

Your Request:

3) Could you please provide the name(s) of the secondary care provision(s) that accept referrals of adults and children with papilloedema?

Our Response:

3) Please find listed below details of the secondary care provision(s) that accept referral of adult and children with papilloedema in the each of the former CCG areas covered by NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB:

Cheshire

Information not held – you may wish to redirect your request for this information to the below listed local Secondary Care providers listed below.

- *East Cheshire NHS Trust*
ecn-tr.foirequests@nhs.net
- *Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust*
foi.foi@mcht.nhs.uk
- *Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust*
Foi.enquiries@coch.nhs.uk

Halton & Warrington

- *Warrington and Halton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust*
- *St Helens and Knowsley Hospitals NHS Trust*
- *Liverpool University Hospital NHS Trust*

Knowsley

- *St Helens and Knowsley Hospitals NHS Trust*
- *St Paul's Eye Hospital*
- *Royal Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust*
- *Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust Hospital*

Liverpool

- *Alder Hey Children's Hospital NHS Foundation Trust*
- *Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust*

Sefton

- *Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust*
- *The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust*
- *Alder Hey Children's Hospital NHS Foundation Trust*

St Helens

Information not held – you may wish to redirect your request for this information to *St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust* via foirequests@sthk.nhs.uk.

Wirral

- *Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust.*

Your Request:

4) Where do community referrals of adults and children with headache to secondary care come from? Please could you provide details of the community referral process for patients with headache in the table below (you may expand the size of the boxes to fit your text). We are interested to know whether patients who have headache + papilloedema are handled differently to those without papilloedema.

Our Response:

4) Please find listed below details of the community referral process for adults/children with headache to secondary care in the each of the former CCG areas covered by NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB:

Cheshire

Please find enclosed '*Q4 FOI00022 Cheshire Table*' which details the information you have requested for the area of Cheshire.

Halton & Warrington

Please find enclosed '*Q4 FOI00022 Halton & Warrington Table*' which details the information you have requested for the area of Halton & Warrington.

Knowsley

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Liverpool

Please find enclosed '*Q4 FOI00022 Liverpool Table*' which details the information you have requested for the area of Liverpool.

Sefton

Please find enclosed 'Q4 FOI00022 Sefton Table' which details the information you have requested for the area of Sefton.

St Helens

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Wirral

Please find enclosed 'Q4 FOI00022 Wirral Table' which details the information you have requested for the area of Wirral.

Your Request:

5) If there are established referral pathways or guidelines for headache could you please provide a copy, or the directions for accessing them online if available?

Our Response:

5) Please find listed below details of whether there are established referral pathways or guidelines for headache in the each of the former CCG areas covered by NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB:

Cheshire

Cheshire has adopted the Walton Headache Pathway which includes the management of headaches, a copy of which can be publicly accessed via the following link: www.cheshireformulary.nhs.uk/docs/launcher.asp?docID=263

Halton & Warrington

The referral pathways for headaches are available on The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust website via the following link: <https://www.thewaltoncentre.nhs.uk/pathways.htm>

Knowsley

Information not held – you may wish to redirect your request for this information to St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust via foirequests@sthk.nhs.uk.

Liverpool

The referral pathways for headaches are available on The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust website via the following link: <https://www.thewaltoncentre.nhs.uk/pathways.htm>

Sefton

Pathways will be available via our acute providers as stated above question 3. NICE guidelines for headaches: <https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/cg150>

St Helens

Information not held – you may wish to redirect your request for this information to St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust via foirequests@sthk.nhs.uk.

Wirral

https://mm.wirral.nhs.uk/document_uploads/guidelines/Wirral-Primary-Care-Headache-pathway-v1-FINAL.pdf

Your Request:

6) Could you please provide the name(s) of the secondary care provision(s) that accept referrals of adults and children with headache + papilloedema?

Our Response:

6) Please find listed below details of the secondary care provision(s) that accept referral of adult and children with headache + papilloedema in the each of the former CCG areas covered by NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB:

Cheshire

Information not held – you may wish to redirect your request for this information to the below listed local Secondary Care providers listed below.

- *East Cheshire NHS Trust*
ecn-tr.foirequests@nhs.net
- *Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust*
foi.foi@mcht.nhs.uk
- *Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust*
Foi.enquiries@coch.nhs.uk

Halton & Warrington

- *The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust*

Knowsley

- *St Helens and Knowsley Hospitals NHS Trust*
- *St Paul's Eye Hospital*
- *Royal Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust*
- *Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust Hospital*

Liverpool

- *Alder Hey Children's Hospital NHS Foundation Trust*
- *Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust*
- *The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust*

Sefton

Information not held.

St Helens

Information not held – you may wish to redirect your request for this information to St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust via foirequests@sthk.nhs.uk.

Wirral

- *Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust.*

Your Request:

7) Could you please provide the name(s) of the secondary care provision(s) that accept referrals of adults and children with headache?

Our Response:

7) Please find listed below details of the secondary care provision(s) that accept referral of adult and children with headache in the each of the former CCG areas covered by NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB:

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Halton & Warrington

- *The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust*

Knowsley

- *St Helens and Knowsley Hospitals NHS Trust*
- *St Paul's Eye Hospital*
- *Royal Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust*
- *Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust Hospital*

Liverpool

- *Alder Hey Children's Hospital NHS Foundation Trust*
- *The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust*

Sefton

- *Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust*
- *The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust*
- *Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust Hospital*

St Helens

Information not held – you may wish to redirect your request for this information to St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust via foirequests@sthk.nhs.uk.

Wirral

- *Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust.*
- *The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust*

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Q1 FOI00022 Cheshire Table

Please indicate which primary eye care service(s) you have commissioned in your area? (Y/N)		What type of contract do you have with this type of primary (eye) care service?	Can this service directly refer patients with papilloedema to secondary care, i.e., not via GP? (Y, N or N/A)	What is the typical urgency for referral and timeframe? (e.g., an urgent referral to be seen within 2 weeks? 4 weeks? etc.)	How are these referrals made? (e.g., email, letter, electronic referral system - please indicate all that apply)	Are these referrals screened before reaching secondary care? Please provide the details of any screening methods that apply in your area	Are digital eye images screened in the triage process? Please provide the details of any screening methods that apply in your area
	GP						
Y	Minor Eye Conditions Service (MECS)	NHS Standard Contract					
Y	Community Urgent Eyecare Service (CUES)	NHS Standard Contract	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown
N	Community Optometrist						
	Other (please specify)						

Q1 FOI00022 Halton & Warrington Table

<i>Please indicate which primary eye care service(s) you have commissioned in your area? (Y/N)</i>		<i>What type of contract do you have with this type of primary (eye) care service?</i>	<i>Can this service directly refer patients with papilloedema to secondary care, i.e., not via GP? (Y, N or N/A)</i>	<i>What is the typical urgency for referral and timeframe? (e.g., an urgent referral to be seen within 2 weeks? 4 weeks? etc.)</i>	<i>How are these referrals made? (e.g., email, letter, electronic referral system - please indicate all that apply)</i>	<i>Are these referrals screened before reaching secondary care? Please provide the details of any screening methods that apply in your area</i>	<i>Are digital eye images screened in the triage process? Please provide the details of any screening methods that apply in your area</i>
N	GP						
Y	Minor Eye Conditions Service (MECS)	<i>NHS Standard Contract</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>4 weeks</i>	<i>Electronic</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>No</i>
	Community Urgent Eyecare Service (CUES)	<i>MECS and CUES are the same service</i>					
N	Community Optometrist						
N	Other (please specify)						

Q1 FOI00022 Knowsley Table

<i>Please indicate which primary eye care service(s) you have commissioned in your area? (Y/N)</i>		<i>What type of contract do you have with this type of primary (eye) care service?</i>	<i>Can this service directly refer patients with papilloedema to secondary care, i.e., not via GP? (Y, N or N/A)</i>	<i>What is the typical urgency for referral and timeframe? (e.g., an urgent referral to be seen within 2 weeks? 4 weeks? etc.)</i>	<i>How are these referrals made? (e.g., email, letter, electronic referral system - please indicate all that apply)</i>	<i>Are these referrals screened before reaching secondary care? Please provide the details of any screening methods that apply in your area</i>	<i>Are digital eye images screened in the triage process? Please provide the details of any screening methods that apply in your area</i>
N	GP						
Y	Minor Eye Conditions Service (MECS)		N	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Y	Community Urgent Eyecare Service (CUES)		Y	2 weeks	All forms of referral	No	No
Y	Community Optometrist		Y	2 weeks	Letter and email	No	No
N	Other (please specify)						

Q1 FOI00022 Liverpool Table

Please indicate which primary eye care service(s) you have commissioned in your area? (Y/N)		What type of contract do you have with this type of primary (eye) care service?	Can this service directly refer patients with papilloedema to secondary care, i.e., not via GP? (Y, N or N/A)	What is the typical urgency for referral and timeframe? (e.g., an urgent referral to be seen within 2 weeks? 4 weeks? etc.)	How are these referrals made? (e.g., email, letter, electronic referral system - please indicate all that apply)	Are these referrals screened before reaching secondary care? Please provide the details of any screening methods that apply in your area	Are digital eye images screened in the triage process? Please provide the details of any screening methods that apply in your area
N	GP						
N	Minor Eye Conditions Service (MECS)						
N	Community Urgent Eyecare Service (CUES)						
Y	Community Optometrist	NHS E ophthalmic contract	Y	Information not held*	Electronic referral system or Choice Team	No	Information not held*
N	Other (please specify)						

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Q1 FOI00022 Sefton Table

Please indicate which primary eye care service(s) you have commissioned in your area? (Y/N)		What type of contract do you have with this type of primary (eye) care service?	Can this service directly refer patients with papilloedema to secondary care, i.e., not via GP? (Y, N or N/A)	What is the typical urgency for referral and timeframe? (e.g., an urgent referral to be seen within 2 weeks? 4 weeks? etc.)	How are these referrals made? (e.g., email, letter, electronic referral system - please indicate all that apply)	Are these referrals screened before reaching secondary care? Please provide the details of any screening methods that apply in your area	Are digital eye images screened in the triage process? Please provide the details of any screening methods that apply in your area
N	GP						
Y	Minor Eye Conditions Service (MECS)	<i>Not currently. Is in progress.</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Some secondary care states up to 2 weeks. Further information to be answered by secondary care.</i>	<i>eERS via the OPERA platform, or NHS mail</i>	<i>Not triaged prior to reaching secondary care.</i>	<i>May be triaged at Hospital Eye Service (HES). Photos can be attached to referral</i>
Y	Community Urgent Eyecare Service (CUES)	<i>Yes, community optom services.</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Some secondary care states up to 2 weeks. Further information to be answered by secondary care.</i>	<i>eERS via the OPERA platform, or NHS mail</i>	<i>Not triaged prior to reaching secondary care.</i>	<i>May be triaged at Hospital Eye Service (HES). Photos can be attached to referral</i>
N	Community Optometrist	<i>Contract held at NHSE level for GOS referrals</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Optoms are advised emergency same day, but some secondary care states up to 2 weeks.</i>	<i>eERS via the OPERA platform, or NHS mail</i>	<i>Not triaged prior to reaching secondary care.</i>	<i>May be triaged at Hospital Eye Service (HES). Photos can be attached to referral</i>
N	Other (please specify)						

Q1 FOI00022 St Helens Table

Please indicate which primary eye care service(s) you have commissioned in your area? (Y/N)		What type of contract do you have with this type of primary (eye) care service?	Can this service directly refer patients with papilloedema to secondary care, i.e., not via GP? (Y, N or N/A)	What is the typical urgency for referral and timeframe? (e.g., an urgent referral to be seen within 2 weeks? 4 weeks? etc.)	How are these referrals made? (e.g., email, letter, electronic referral system - please indicate all that apply)	Are these referrals screened before reaching secondary care? Please provide the details of any screening methods that apply in your area	Are digital eye images screened in the triage process? Please provide the details of any screening methods that apply in your area
N	GP						
Y	Minor Eye Conditions Service (MECS)		Yes	2 weeks	All forms of ref	No	Not routinely
Y	Community Urgent Eyecare Service (CUES)		Yes	2 weeks	All forms of ref	No	No
Y	Community Optometrist		Yes	2 weeks	Letter and email	No	No
N	Other (please specify)						

Q1 FOI00022 Wirral Table

Please indicate which primary eye care service(s) you have commissioned in your area? (Y/N)		What type of contract do you have with this type of primary (eye) care service?	Can this service directly refer patients with papilloedema to secondary care, i.e., not via GP? (Y, N or N/A)	What is the typical urgency for referral and timeframe? (e.g., an urgent referral to be seen within 2 weeks? 4 weeks? etc.)	How are these referrals made? (e.g., email, letter, electronic referral system - please indicate all that apply)	Are these referrals screened before reaching secondary care? Please provide the details of any screening methods that apply in your area	Are digital eye images screened in the triage process? Please provide the details of any screening methods that apply in your area
Y	GP	N/A	N/A	Emergency	Emergency telephone line	If suspect patient has condition, then referred directly to secondary care. If unsure GP likely to refer to community optometrist initially	N/A
Y	Minor Eye Conditions Service (MECS)	NHS standard contract	Y	Emergency	Emergency telephone line	If suspect patient has condition, then referred directly to secondary care	OCT undertaken if equipment available
N	Community Urgent Eyecare Service (CUES)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Y	Community Optometrist	NHS standard contract	Y	Emergency	Emergency telephone line	If suspect patient has condition, then referred directly to secondary care	OCT undertaken if equipment available

Q4 FOI00022 Cheshire Table

Primary care service	Can this service directly refer patients with headache to secondary care, i.e., not via GP? (Y/N)	What is the typical urgency for referral and timeframe if <u>papilloedema is present</u>? (e.g., urgent referral to be seen within 2 or 4 weeks)	What is the typical urgency for referral and timeframe if <u>papilloedema is NOT present</u>? (i.e. headache alone) (e.g., urgent referral to be seen within 2 or 4 weeks)	How are these referrals made? (e.g., email, letter, electronic referral system- please indicate all that apply)	Are these referrals screened before reaching secondary care? (e.g., virtually / electronically) Please provide the details of any screening methods that apply in your area
GP	N/A				
Minor Eye Conditions Service (MECS)	Information not held				
Community Urgent Eyecare Service (CUES)	Yes				
Community Optometrist	N/A				
Other (please specify)					

Q4 FOI00022 Halton & Warrington Table

Primary care service	Can this service directly refer patients with headache to secondary care, i.e., not via GP? (Y/N)	What is the typical urgency for referral and timeframe if <u>papilloedema is present?</u> (e.g., urgent referral to be seen within 2 or 4 weeks)	What is the typical urgency for referral and timeframe if <u>papilloedema is NOT present?</u> (i.e. headache alone) (e.g., urgent referral to be seen within 2 or 4 weeks)	How are these referrals made? (e.g., email, letter, electronic referral system- please indicate all that apply)	Are these referrals screened before reaching secondary care? (e.g., virtually / electronically) Please provide the details of any screening methods that apply in your area
GP	Yes	4 weeks	4 weeks	Electronic	No
Minor Eye Conditions Service (MECS)	No				
Community Urgent Eyecare Service (CUES)	No				
Community Optometrist	No				
Other (please specify)	n/a				

Q4 FOI00022 Liverpool Table

Primary care service	Can this service directly refer patients with headache to secondary care, i.e., not via GP? (Y/N)	What is the typical urgency for referral and timeframe if <u>papilloedema is present?</u> (e.g., urgent referral to be seen within 2 or 4 weeks)	What is the typical urgency for referral and timeframe if <u>papilloedema is NOT present?</u> (i.e. headache alone) (e.g., urgent referral to be seen within 2 or 4 weeks)	How are these referrals made? (e.g., email, letter, electronic referral system- please indicate all that apply)	Are these referrals screened before reaching secondary care? (e.g., virtually / electronically) Please provide the details of any screening methods that apply in your area
GP	N/A	Information not held*	Information not held*	Electronic referral system	No
Minor Eye Conditions Service (MECS)	N/A				
Community Urgent Eyecare Service (CUES)	N/A				
Community Optometrist	No				
Other (please specify)					

*You may wish to redirect your request for this information The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust via enquiries@thewaltoncentre.nhs.uk and Alder Hey Children's Hospital NHS Foundation Trust via FOIRequests@alderhey.nhs.uk.

Q4 FOI00022 Sefton Table

Primary care service	Can this service directly refer patients with headache to secondary care, i.e., not via GP? (Y/N)	What is the typical urgency for referral and timeframe if <u>papilloedema is present</u>? (e.g., urgent referral to be seen within 2 or 4 weeks)	What is the typical urgency for referral and timeframe if <u>papilloedema is NOT present</u>? (i.e. headache alone) (e.g., urgent referral to be seen within 2 or 4 weeks)	How are these referrals made? (e.g., email, letter, electronic referral system- please indicate all that apply)	Are these referrals screened before reaching secondary care? (e.g., virtually / electronically) Please provide the details of any screening methods that apply in your area
GP	<i>N/A</i>				
Minor Eye Conditions Service (MECS)	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Information not held.</i>	<i>To be answered by secondary care</i>	<i>eERS via the OPERA platform, or NHS mail</i>	<i>Not triaged prior to reaching secondary care.</i>
Community Urgent Eyecare Service (CUES)	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Information not held.</i>	<i>To be answered by secondary care</i>	<i>eERS via the OPERA platform, or NHS mail</i>	<i>Not triaged prior to reaching secondary care.</i>
Community Optometrist	<i>Contract held at NHSE level for GOS referrals</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Optoms are advised emergency same day, but some secondary care states up to 2 weeks</i>	<i>eERS via the OPERA platform, or NHS mail</i>	<i>Not triaged prior to reaching secondary care.</i>
Other (please specify)	<i>N/A</i>				

Q4 FOI00022 Wirral Table

Primary care service	Can this service directly refer patients with headache to secondary care, i.e., not via GP? (Y/N)	What is the typical urgency for referral and timeframe if <u>papilloedema</u> is present? (e.g., urgent referral to be seen within 2 or 4 weeks)	What is the typical urgency for referral and timeframe if papilloedema is <u>NOT</u> present? (i.e. headache alone) (e.g., urgent referral to be seen within 2 or 4 weeks)	How are these referrals made? (e.g., email, letter, electronic referral system- please indicate all that apply)	Are these referrals screened before reaching secondary care? (e.g., virtually / electronically) Please provide the details of any screening methods that apply in your area
GP	N/A	Emergency	Please refer to referral pathway in Question 5	Phone call to acute hospital or community optometrist	N/A
Minor Eye Conditions Service (MECS)	Y	Emergency		Phone call to acute trust or via electronic referral	Patient would be assessed by community optometrist initially unless telephone handler certain patient needs to be referred as an emergency to an acute hospital
Community Urgent Eyecare Service (CUES)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Community Optometrist	Y	Emergency	Please refer to referral pathway below	Phone call to acute trust or via electronic referral	Patient would be assessed by community optometrist initially unless telephone handler certain patient needs to be referred as an emergency to an acute hospital
Other (please specify)					