



MINOR EYE CONDITIONS SERVICE (MECS)
Including glaucoma and cataract referral refinement

WHAT IT DOES:
Triage and treat minor eye conditions within one or two days
Onward direct referral where necessary with appropriate urgency
Includes cataract referral refinement and glaucoma repeat pressure measures to rule out false positives

WHY?
Reduce A & E
Reduce HES
Reduce GP activity
Increase Patient Satisfaction – RIGHT CARE, RIGHT PLACE, RIGHT TIME

DIRECT EMERGENCY REFERRAL:

- Severe ocular pain
- Suspected retinal detachment
- Retinal artery occlusion
- Chemical injuries
- Penetrating trauma
- Orbital cellulitis
- Sudden loss / dramatic reduction in vision
- Double-vision
- Suspected Stroke/TIA
- Temporal arteritis

WHAT CAN BE SEEN:

- RED EYE
- ITCHY EYE
- WATERY EYE
- DRY EYE
- GRADUAL VISION LOSS
- BLURRY EYES
- MILD EYE PAIN
- FOREIGN BODY
- EYELASH PROBLEMS
- RETINAL LESIONS
- CATARACT REFINEMENT
- GLAUCOMA REPEAT MEASURES

OTHER EXCLUSIONS:

- Diabetic retinopathy
- Adult squints

LIMITATIONS?
New Service and will need to buy-in from clinicians and patients

Limited sites and opening times - Only 5 sites initially for MECS

Does not do away with need for GS018 forms and may still need GP referral if patients choose other secondary care providers

OUTCOME:
Treat and discharge
Referral to MEH A & E/ Outpatients
Follow up in MECS
Referral to other service
Referral to GP (Other symptoms to be investigated)

SAFETY ASPECTS:
All participating optometrists accredited in recognising and managing minor eye conditions

Moorfields oversight with Audit of outcomes with regular feedback/education sessions for participating optometrists

Governance key with continual monitoring of service activity and outcomes including patient satisfaction.

GPs informed of all attendances and outcomes