

Arden & GEM CSU on behalf of Wolverhampton CCG is seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified providers for a Community Eyecare service. The service is being commissioned using the Any Qualified Provider process. The qualification period for the AQP accreditation will be for 3 years from the 1st September 2017 with an option to extend for a further 2 years. The CCG may open up additional qualification rounds during the contract period. Should there be any geographical areas within the CCG area where further choice of provider is required; the CCG reserves the right to limit the next accreditation round to specific geographical areas only.

Aims and objectives of service

The purpose of setting up the Community Eyecare Service is to provide Care Closer to Home and ensure patients receive Right Care at the Right Time in the Right Place.

The objectives are as follows:

- Care closer to home in a more convenient setting
- Speedier access to care
- Retention of patients in primary care where possible
- Reduce the number of unnecessary referrals to secondary care
- More cost-effective care

Service Description

The service consists of the following three elements.

Minor Eye Conditions Service

To provide assessment, treatment and management of patients presenting with recent onset eye conditions which may include:

- Painful eye
- Red eye
- Flashers/Floaters
- Loss or disturbance of vision
- Foreign body, including emergency contact lenses removal

Providers will be expected to triage patients and for symptoms which require urgent attention, Providers will be expected to see the patient within 24 hours of contacting the service. For non urgent symptoms providers will be expected to offer an appointment within two working days.

Cataract Triage/ Screening

To provide assessment and management of patients presenting with signs and/or symptoms of cataract in either eye. The Provider will be expected to undertake a full cataract assessment including:

- Pupil dilation and examination by indirect ophthalmoscopy in order to establish whether there are any co-existing ocular disorders as well as cataract.
- Discussion of the health questionnaire (See Appendix 1) and any outstanding issues dealt with.
- Communicating the potential advantages and disadvantages of cataract extraction
- Ascertaining the patient's willingness for surgery
- Ensuring the patient meets the Procedures of Limited Clinical Policy Criteria
- Offer choice and refer on to secondary care where required

Intraocular Pressure Repeat Readings Scheme

To provide assessment and management of patients who attend the practice for a GOS or private sight test and are found to have IOP>21mmHg. Patients who are found to have elevated IOP on non-contact tonometry testing are expected to have Goldman or Perkins applanation tonometry pressure refinement carried out at the same visit. Depending on the outcome of the first test the patient may be required to attend for repeat Goldmann or Perkins applanation tonometry on a separate occasion.

Eligibility to Provide

Minor Eye Conditions Service

Participating optometrists/ Health Care Professionals must complete the Wales Optometry Postgraduate Education Centre WOPEC/LOCSU Distance Learning modules (Part 1), and the associated Practical Skills Demonstration (Part2). In order to progress to Part2, a candidate must successfully pass Part 1 first.

All ophthalmic practitioners must be registered with the General Optical Council (GOC).

Cataract Triage/ Screening

To become accredited, ophthalmic practitioners must complete the Local Optical Committee Support Unit (LOCSU)/Wales Optometry Postgraduate Education Centre (WOPEC) Cataract Services Online Distance Learning training programme and be registered with the General Optical Council (GOC). Providers must also be registered on the NHS England performers list.

Intraocular Pressure Repeat Readings Scheme

Ophthalmic practitioners must complete the Local Optical Committee Support Unit (LOCSU)/Wales Optometry Postgraduate Education Centre (WOPEC) Level One of the Glaucoma online distance learning programme relating to IOP and Visual Field Refinement. All ophthalmic practitioners must be

registered with the General Optical Council (GOC). Providers must have a Goldman or Perkins applanation tonometer

TARIFF

PEARS - £60

Pre-Operative Cataract - £38

Intraocular Pressure Repeat Readings Scheme - £28 per test

Applications will be accepted from all organisation types including sole provider, consortia, partnership, lead provider/sub-contractor, etc.