



Quick Guide

Cataract Referral Refinement (CRR)

Overview

Community-based, locally funded service for cataract patients being considered for referral.
Aim: Enable patients to make fully informed choice & improve quality of cataract referrals.

Patient Eligibility

- Patient aged 18 and over and registered with SEL GP
- Patients with signs/symptoms of cataracts considering cataract surgery or signposted via COTS triage

Patient Source

- Internal – following eye examination
- External – signposted via COTS triage

Service Delivery

- Assessment of vision, refraction, visual acuity with/without pinhole
- Completion of medical and ocular history
- Clinical assessment of anterior and posterior eye including dilation
- Identification and discussion of any co-pathology that could impact cataract surgical outcome
- Discussion of risks and benefits of surgery
- Discussion on options and suitability of surgical providers
- Confirmation that 1) cataract referral criteria are met 2) patient wants surgery 3) patient's provider choice
- Issue patient cataract leaflet

Service Outcomes

- Discharge from service – patient does not want or need surgical intervention at this time
- Direct referral to patient's chosen surgical provider via e-RS SEL MECS Triage
 - Clinic preference: no other ocular co-pathology – Cataract; existing HES patient – existing HES clinic & HES; co-pathology, but not existing HES patient – Co-pathology clinic

Service Requirements

- All episodes must be recorded on Outcomes platform
- Equipment: access to Outcomes & eRS; Distance & Near test chart; Appropriate ophthalmic drugs (staining agent, mydriatic); Slit-lamp biomicroscope; Volk &/or BIO
- Practitioner: GOC registered, SEL COTS approved optometrist
- Practice: SEL COTS approved practice

Provider Exclusions

HES trust	ISP
Bed-bound patients (can only be sent to KCH, Denmark Hill)	Needs sub-speciality co-management Any sedation or GA patients Mobility: Needs hoist to transfer; Cannot lie flat; Cannot lie still Health: Dementia; Tremor; Has pacemaker; Learning Disabilities

e-RS Tips

- All information is for the correct relevant patient
- Referral letter (Outcomes HES letter) contains all relevant information as per service delivery
- All relevant associated documents/images are attached
- Action requested, clinic choice and provider choice (where applicable) is clearly identified



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YAG Referral Refinement

Overview

Community-based, locally funded service for cataract patients being considered for referral.
Aim: Enable patients to make fully informed choice & improve quality of cataract referrals.

Patient Eligibility

- Patient aged 18 and over and registered with SEL GP
- Patients with signs/symptoms of PCO considering Nd:YAG capsulotomy or signposted via COTS triage

Patient Source

- Internal – following eye examination
- External – signposted via COTS triage

Service Delivery

- Assessment of vision, refraction, visual acuity with/without pinhole
- Completion of medical and ocular history
- Clinical assessment of anterior and posterior eye including dilation
- Identification and discussion of any co-pathology that could impact outcome
- Discussion of risks and benefits of Nd:YAG capsulotomy
- Discussion on options and suitability of providers
- Confirmation that 1) referral criteria are met 2) patient wants Nd:YAG capsulotomy 3) patient's provider choice
- Issue patient Nd:YAG capsulotomy leaflet

Service Outcomes

- Discharge from service – patient does not want or need intervention at this time
- Direct referral to patient's chosen surgical provider via e-RS SEL MECS Triage

Service Requirements

- All episodes must be recorded on Outcomes platform
- Equipment: access to Outcomes & eRS; Distance & Near test chart; Appropriate ophthalmic drugs (staining agent, mydriatic); Slit-lamp biomicroscope; Volk &/or BIO
- Practitioner: GOC registered, SEL COTS approved optometrist
- Practice: SEL COTS approved practice

Provider Exclusions

HES trust	ISP
Bed-bound patients (can only be sent to KCH, Denmark Hill)	Needs sub-speciality co-management Any sedation or GA patients Mobility: Needs hoist to transfer; Cannot lie flat; Cannot lie still Health: Dementia; Tremor; Has pacemaker; Learning Disabilities

e-RS Tips

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- All relevant associated documents/images are attached
- Action requested, clinic choice (YAG) and provider choice (where applicable) is clearly identified