



Quick Guide

Easy Eyecare Pathway Guide

Overview

Community-based, locally funded service for patients with autism &/or learning disabilities

Aim: Detection of any pathology or refractive error impacting on visual ability is identified and managed appropriately.

Patient Eligibility

- Patients have a form of autism or learning disability and registered with SEL GP
- No age limit

Patient Source

- Internal – from eye examination
- External – direct referral to practice on Outcomes, referral from triage, GP/HES/other HCP or self-referral

Service Delivery

- Request is received and accepted by practice if received via Outcomes platform
- Patient/parent/carer contacted within 4 weeks
- Appointment is either arranged or planned as per case requirements. Some patients will only need to be seen 12 months after referral. Please review referral carefully to ascertain appropriate timescale for appointment.
- Assessment of vision, refraction, visual acuity with/without pinhole
- Completion of medical and ocular history
- Clinical assessment of anterior and posterior eye including dilation if clinically indicated
- Identification and discussion of any co-pathology that could impact vision and patients' health

Service Outcomes

- Follow Fail to Contact protocol if unable to successfully contact patient/parent/carer
- Discharge from service to GOS
- Continuation appointment to complete examination if unable to carry out all required tests at initial appointment
- Follow up –within LD pathway using clinical judgment on frequency
- Refer to GP
- Refer to HES

Service Requirements

- All episodes must be recorded on Outcomes platform
- Equipment: access to Outcomes & eRS; Distance & Near test chart; appropriate ophthalmic drugs, ability appropriate refraction equipment, stereopsis tests, means for ocular health assessment
- Practitioner: GOC registered, SEL COTS approved optometrist
- Practice: SEL COTS approved practice

Fail to be brought

- Log on Outcomes,
- 1st DNA – patient is contacted and appointment rebooked
- 2nd DNA – patient is discharged from service, notification is sent to patient/parent/carer and patient's GP and POS

e-RS Tips

- All information is for the correct relevant patient
- Referral letter contains all relevant information as per service delivery
- Action requested, clinic choice and provider choice (where applicable) is clearly identified