

Your Request:

The information is relating to ophthalmology services and specifically around the provision of cataract pathways and providers. This information may be available from the ICB planned care team / ophthalmology leads.

Questions:

- 1) Could you please describe the cataract referral process from a community optometrist through to a cataract surgery provider.**
- 2) Could you please describe how these referrals are sent / received: eg post, email, ERS, e-ERS**
- 3) Within the process, if there is an intermediary such as a referral support service / management service / single point of access, could you please describe this and provide a contact email address for this service.**
- 4) List the current cataract surgery providers and the address they operate from within the area.**

Our Response:

Please find listed below the information held for the former CCG areas that now make up NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB in relation to the questions posed in respect of cataract pathways and providers:

Cheshire

- 1 - 3) Information not held specifically detailing the cataract referral process from community optometrist through to cataract provider, how these referrals are sent, or whether there is a intermediary.
- 4) Please find listed below commissioned cataract surgery providers for Knowsley. Information not held specifically detailing the addresses from which they operate from:
 - *Countess of Chester NHS Foundation Trust*
 - *East Cheshire NHS Trust*
 - *Liverpool University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust*
 - *Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust*
 - *Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust*
 - *Royal Liverpool & Broadgreen University Hospitals NHS Trust*
 - *Stockport NHS Foundation Trust*
 - *University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust*
 - *Warrington & Halton Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust*
 - *Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust*
 - *Community Health & Eyecare Ltd*
 - *Optegra UK*
 - *SpaMedica*
 - *Spire Cheshire Hospital*
 - *Spire Liverpool Hospital*

- *Spire Murrayfield Hospital*

Halton

1) Halton Place are not involved in the management of referrals, or the process involved and therefore does not hold information specifically detailing this. However, Community Optometrists that are part of the MECs/CUEs services, provide a cataract assessment services and if they consider the patient is suitable for cataract surgery they refer directly to the surgical provider.

2) ERS

3) No

4) All NHS Acute Hospitals and SpaMedica.

Knowsley

1 - 2) In majority of cases optometrists send a referral to the GP which will then processed via gateway (by the Knowsley Referral management Team), a National Commissioning Policy (NCP) check is conducted and if appropriate the patient is offered a choice of provider and the referral is then forwarded to the chosen trust.

3) Referrals are managed by Knowsley Referral Management Team.

4) Please find listed below commissioned cataract surgery providers for Knowsley. Information not held specifically detailing the addresses from which they operate from:

- *St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust*

- *St Paul's Eye Unit*

- *SpaMedica*

- *Fairfield Hospital*

- *Aintree University Hospital*

- *Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust*

- *Southport & Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust*

- *Spire Murrayfield*

Liverpool

1 - 2) Community Optometrists can refer directly to a provider via e-ERS or via the Liverpool and Sefton Choice Team if they do not have the option currently to refer electronically. GPs can refer via ERS.

3) There is no intermediary in Liverpool other than the Choice Team.

4) Please find listed below commissioned cataract surgery providers for Liverpool. Information not held specifically detailing the addresses from which they operate from:

- *Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust*

- *St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust*

- *Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust*

- *Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust*

- *Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust*

- *Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust*

- *University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust*

- *Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust*

- *Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust*

- *The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust*

- *Insight*
- *SpaMedica*
- *Spire Liverpool Hospital*
- *Spire Murrayfield Hospital*
- *Fairfield Hospital*
- *Optegra UK*

Sefton

1) Please see enclosed '*Sefton Cataract Criteria Policy*' (which includes referral process). Please note that this is due to be updated to reflect the use of e-ERS via Opera, as opposed to using Liverpool Choice Team.

2) Referrals are sent via e-ERS.

3) Following offer is choice the referral is sent direct to the provider via e-ERS. If practices have any issues with referrals, the main contact email address is hello@referral.support

4) Please find listed below commissioned cataract surgery providers for Sefton. Information not held specifically detailing the addresses from which they operate from:

- *St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust*
- *SpaMedica*
- *Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust*
- *iSight Ltd*
- *Southport and Ormskirk Hospitals NHS Trust*
- *Renacres Hospital*

St Helens

1 - 3) St Helens Place does not hold information on the cataract referral process for community optometrist to cataract surgery provider. You may wish to redirect your request for this information to Primary Eyecare Services (info@primaryeyecare.co.uk) and St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (foirequests@sthk.nhs.uk).

4) Please find listed below commissioned cataract surgery providers for St Helens. Information not held specifically detailing the addresses from which they operate from:

- *Parkfield Hospital*
- *Liverpool University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust*
- *Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust*
- *Optegra UK*
- *Royal Liverpool & Broadgreen University Hospital*
- *St Helens & Knowsley NHS Foundation Trust*
- *Warrington & Halton NHS Foundation Trust*
- *Wrightington Wigan & Leigh NHS Foundation Trust*
- *Fairfield Hospital*
- *Bolton NHS Foundation Trust*
- *Ramsey Healthcare*
- *Southport & Ormskirk NHS Trust*
- *Spa Medica*

- *The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust*
- *Wirral Teaching Hospital*
- *Liverpool University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust*
- *Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust*
- *Optegra UK*
- *Royal Liverpool & Broadgreen University Hospital*
- *St Helens & Knowsley NHS Foundation Trust*
- *Warrington & Halton NHS Foundation Trust*
- *Wrightington Wigan & Leigh NHS Foundation Trust*

Warrington

1) Warrington Place are not involved in the management of referrals, or the process involved and therefore does not hold information specifically detailing this. However, Community Optometrists if they consider the patient is suitable for cataract surgery, refer directly to the surgical provider.

2) ERS

3) No

4) All NHS Acute Hospitals and SpaMedica.

Wirral

1) Patients are initially assessed by a community optometrist that participates in the Cataract Pre-Assessment Local Enhanced Service. Community optometrists must assess patients utilising the Wirral referral criteria, alongside Local Optical Committee Support Unit and Royal College of Ophthalmologists guidance. Patients who meet the referral criteria can then be referred to any one of the three cataract providers within Wirral.

2) Referrals are sent via e-mail.

3) Not applicable.

4) Please find listed below commissioned cataract surgery providers for Wirral. Information not held specifically detailing the addresses from which they operate from:

- *SpaMedica*

- *Spire Murrayfield*

- *Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Trust.*

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