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**ORTHOPTIC NEWSLETTER**

**WELCOME TO THE SUMMER EDITION 2024**

This Newsletter combines information from both Royal Derby Hospital and Queens Hospital Burton Orthoptic Services

**CURRENT WAITING TIMES FOR NEW PAEDIATRIC PATIENTS**

 **RDH QHB**

Joint Orthoptic/Optometry 4 months 2 months

Secondary Screening 4 months N/A

**What is "NORMAL" Vision**

We all use the phrase and concept of "normal vision" routinely within eye care, but we need to be mindful that this is actually an average and therefore there is a range in which Visual Acuity should be considered as acceptable.

Please be mindful when you are referring in children with what is already considered to be an adequate/good level of vision.

Referrals for occlusion in children where the visual acuity recorded is 6/7.5 in the poorer eye will no longer be accepted into the department for treatment

 **REFRACTIONS**

Please state on referrals if the prescription written has been ordered.

If not, please record the current prescription especially when the referral is for review of prisms.

**FUNDUS CHECKS**

Fundus checks should be recorded on all referrals even if not achieved as this impacts the referral route into the department.

**PRISMS AND THE DVLA**

As clinicians we have a responsibility, not only to our patients but also legally regarding advice on the capacity to drive and notifying the DVLA.

When prisms have been prescribed to those patients who are symptomatic with diplopia, they should be advised that they are required to notify the DVLA to be given clearance to drive with prisms in their glasses.

For those patients where the symptom is not diplopia, please consider other treatments options before prescribing prisms. Therefore, hopefully preventing reliance on prism.

**CYNAPSIS**

***Welcome to a new era.***

Cynapsis is coming soon.

Hopefully this will allow for better multidisciplinary working between the hospital eye service and community clinicians. We will be able to communicate, and offer advise through the system allowing for better use of services.

As with everything it is another system to get to grips but hopefully will be a positive experience.

**NEW CLINICS**

**We have recently introduced a new Orthoptic only clinic at Revive Healthy Living Centre in Derby and a new shared care clinic (Orthoptist/Optometry) at Ripley Hospital**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE HOSPITAL EYE TEAM**

If you have any comments with regards to the newsletter, or there is anything you would like to see included, please email.

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