

Heart of West Midlands: Cataract waiting times March 2024

Provider	Average number of weeks from referral received to date of 1st OP appointment	Number of weeks from listing to surgery
BMEC/Sandwell Hospital (low complexity clinic)	7 weeks	2 weeks
Manor Hospital, Walsall	15 weeks	1-2 weeks
Midland Eye, Solihull	3 weeks	4 weeks
Newmedica, Birmingham	1 week	2 weeks
Nuffield Health, Wolverhampton	1-2 weeks	2-4 weeks
Optegra, Birmingham	1 week	3 weeks
Ramsay Health Stourside Hospital, Halesowen	1 week	4 weeks
Royal Wolverhampton Trust: Low complexity clinic (Cannock)	1 week	2 weeks
Royal Wolverhampton Trust: Complex clinic (New Cross Hospital)	6 weeks	12 weeks
Russells Hall Hospital, Dudley Low complexity clinic	2 weeks	4 weeks
SpaMedica Birmingham/Solihull/Wolverhampton	2 weeks	3 weeks
The Westbourne Centre, Edgbaston	4 weeks	4 weeks
UHB - Good Hope, Heartlands, Solihull hospitals	23 weeks	20 weeks
UHB – QEH Low complexity clinic	2 weeks	4 weeks

Examples of patients who are NOT suitable for the low complexity clinics

- Patients under HES for another condition such as Glaucoma – these patients should be referred back to their consultant and not referred via the pre-op cataract pathway unless authorised by the patient's consultant to do so
- Patients that require sub-speciality co-management, e.g. recurrent uveitis, brittle or end stage glaucoma
- Patients with a severe head tremor at rest (mild head movements can be listed)
- Patients with extreme claustrophobia who are unable to lie with a drape over their face for surgery
- Patients with severe dementia
- Patients with severe learning difficulties
- Epileptics who have more than one grand mal seizure per month
- Patients requiring a hoist to transfer
- Patients who are unable to lie flat
- Patients deemed best seen under general anaesthetic, for the patient's best welfare
- Patients with a Pacemaker/ICD in-situ
- Patients who are unable to walk independently or unable to transfer.