

Confirmation of Wet AMD Referral Pathway

We would like to confirm the referral pathways for Wet Age-Related Macular Degeneration (Wet AMD) to ensure timely and appropriate patient management. Please see the updates below:

UHSx Referrals

- **Commissioning Status:** UHSx remains commissioned for Wet AMD referrals by the NHS Sussex Integrated Care Board (ICB). They are set up to accept referrals in a timely manner, with an expectation of review within **2 weeks** of referral.
- **Urgent Direct Referral 1-2 weeks:** Referrals are to be sent directly using the dedicated email;
Southlands Hospital - uhsussex.sou.opthalmic.clinics@nhs.net
St Richards Hospital – uhsussex.clinicsrh.opthalmic@nhs.net
- **Referral Criteria:**
 - Referral forms must include the patient's **vision assessment**.
- **Patient Mobility Considerations:**
 - Patients who use wheelchairs or walk with sticks/frames can be accommodated.
 - UHSx cannot accommodate patients who are bed-bound or require ambulance trolleys due to equipment limitations.

Goring Hall Hospital Referrals

- **Commissioning Status:** Goring Hall remains commissioned for Wet AMD referrals by the NHS Sussex Integrated Care Board (ICB). They are set up to accept referrals in a timely manner, with an expectation of review within **2 weeks** of referral.
- **Direct Referral Route:** You can now send referrals directly to Goring Hall via their dedicated ophthalmology email: GHHOphthalmologyteam@circlehealthgroup.co.uk
- **Referral Criteria:**
 - Referral forms must include the patient's **vision assessment and an OCT scan** confirming Wet AMD.
 - Referrals should be strictly for **Wet AMD cases only**.
 - Goring Hall **cannot** accept referrals for general macular issues, macular holes, or macular tears requiring surgery, as they do not have the necessary equipment.
- **Patient Mobility Considerations:**
 - Patients who use wheelchairs or walk with sticks/frames can be accommodated.
 - Goring Hall cannot accommodate patients who are bed-bound or require ambulance trolleys due to equipment limitations.