

To all Optometrists in the BSW Area,



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**Subject:
Referral Process for Military Patients Registered with Military GP Practices**

Dear Colleagues,

We hope this letter finds you well. We are writing to clarify the process for referring military patients, or those registered with military GP practices in the area, for secondary care treatment at an eye hospital.

When referring a patient in these circumstances, please ensure that the referral is sent directly to the relevant military GP practice using the email addresses provided below. The military GP will then upload the referral onto the NHS Electronic Referral System (ERS), and an appointment will be arranged in due course.

To streamline the process and avoid delays, we would like to emphasise the importance of ensuring that your referral letters are clear and specific. It is essential to state:

1. The main reason for the referral and the assessment or treatment required.
2. It is helpful if you can specify the eye clinic the patient needs to be referred into (e.g., Glaucoma, Cataract, Anterior Eye/Cornea, Vitreo-Retina, Oculoplastics, Low Vision, Orthoptics, Neuro-Ophthalmology etc).

Military GPs often do not have the specialist knowledge to determine the appropriate clinic if the referral lacks detail. Providing clarity will ensure the patient is referred promptly to the correct service.

Below is the list of email addresses for the military GP practices across the region:

- Abbeywood: ukstratcom-dms-dphc-abw-admingrp@mod.gov.uk
- Bulford: ukstratcom-dms-dphc-abw-admingrp@mod.gov.uk
- Corsham: ukstratcom-dms-dphc-cor-grp@mod.gov.uk
- Larkhill: ukstratcom-dms-dphc-lar-grp@mod.gov.uk
- Lyneham: ukstratcom-dms-dphc-lar-grp@mod.gov.uk
- Shrivenham: ukstratcom-dms-dphc-lar-grp@mod.gov.uk
- Tidworth: ukstratcom-dms-dphc-tid-grp@mod.gov.uk
- Warminster: ukstratcom-dms-dphc-war-grp@mod.gov.uk

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued support in providing excellent care to all our patients, including those in the military community. Should you have any questions or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best regards,

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