

Eye Service Paperless Referrals

Over the past couple of months we have been looking at ways of changing our referral pathway in order to make it more efficient and streamlined.

In order to do this:

- We are now accepting electronic referral directly via the S1 unit: CCS Beds Eye Service. If you do not have this unit on your S1 system, please contact your IT/S1 team to have it added.
- For professionals not on the S1 system an emailed letter or completed referral form can be sent to one of our generic email accounts:
 - ccs.beds.childrens.eyeservice.bedford@nhs.net – for Bedford, Flitwick, Shefford, CDC(SEN children), Biggleswade, Ampthill, Woburn sands, Stotfold etc
 - ccs.beds.children.eyeservice.luton@nhs.net – For Luton, Leighton Buzzard, Dunstable, Houghton Regis, Barton, Toddington etc:

Please do not follow up electronic referrals with a posted copy. We will be aiming to stop accepting paper referrals as of 30 January 2021.

Please note that we have three eye services across Bedfordshire and Luton. The information above is in relation to the Community Eye Service.

The referral routes into the Luton and Dunstable Hospital (L&D) Eye Clinic and Moorfields at Bedford Hospital remain unchanged.

- For Bedfordshire - Referrals for amblyopic, squinting and non-squinting children can be directed to the Community Eye Service. Any referrals where there is a question around eye pathology should be directed to the Moorfields Eye Service.
- For Luton: The Community Eye Service in Luton have access to a Consultant working in the community so the referrals can continue to be directed to either the L&D or Community Eye Service at Liverpool Road Health Centre. Any referrals where there is a question around eye pathology should be directed to the L&D.

If you have any questions or would like further information or help with electronic referrals please contact the office on the email addresses as above.

Further information about the Beds and Luton Community Eye Service can be found here: www.cambscommunityservices.nhs.uk/Bedfordshire/services/eye-service