

# Central Mersey Local Optical Committee

## Direct Referrals to St Helens & Knowsley NHS Trust

### Routine referrals:

Ideally, all referrals should be sent via NHS email to the following trust address:

[appointmentssthk@nhs.net](mailto:appointmentssthk@nhs.net)

To track progress or for enquiries, optometrists or patients can phone: 0151 430 1234

Routine referrals **cannot be sent via fax**, but may still be posted direct to:

Patient Booking Services  
Whiston Hospital  
Warrington Rd  
Whiston  
L35 5DR

### Urgent Referrals:

Patients with a GP in Halton and St Helens should be managed by CUES, wherever possible.

Otherwise, urgent referrals can still go via NHS email to:

[ophthalmology.triage@sthk.nhs.uk](mailto:ophthalmology.triage@sthk.nhs.uk)

The phone number for the triage service is 01744 646136/646137

If NHS email or CUES is not available, you can still fax urgent referrals direct to St Helens Eye Department on 01744 646132

### AMD referrals:

AMD referrals for patients with a GP in Halton and St Helens should be managed by CUES.

Otherwise, using NHS email, send referrals same day to Kerri Maguire, the AMD co-ordinator, at St Helens Eye Department: [kerri.Maguire@sthk.nhs.uk](mailto:kerri.Maguire@sthk.nhs.uk)

Alternatively, send them to the triage email address above

To track progress or for enquiries, phone 01744 646133

If NHS email or CUES is not available, you can still fax AMD referrals to 01744 646132.

### Emergency Referrals for patients with a Knowsley GP

Patients with a Knowsley GP requiring very urgent attention, such as retinal tear/detachment/Angle closure can be signposted to St Pauls Eye unit at the Royal Liverpool hospital, who run an Emergency Eye Clinic from 8am to 8pm Monday to Sunday.

**In all cases, copy your correspondence to the GP, for information only. Referrals sent via email should include a PDF of a GOS18 or letter on practice headed paper.**