Referral to the Hospital Eye Service (Children)

Patient Information

Orthoptic Department
Your Orthoptist has referred your child to the Hospital Eye Service

Your child will have an eye test at the Eye Unit, which will detect any need for glasses and will check that the eyes are healthy.

Your child will be seen by the Orthoptist and then the Optician.

The Orthoptist will test your child’s vision and may do some additional tests. Then they will put drops into your child’s eyes to allow the optician to do their tests. These drops make the pupils large which enables the optician to see into the eye. The drops take approximately 30 minutes to work. The drops will blur your child’s vision for close work for the rest of the day. Your child is still able to go to school but you are advised to inform the teacher of the blurred vision. Your child’s pupils may be large for at least 24 hours.

In a very few cases your child may experience mild side effects such as high temperature, hyperactivity or tiredness and irritability. If you are concerned about your child please ring the Orthoptic Department.

Your child may also be light sensitive so you are advised to bring a hat or sunglasses.

The optician uses a special torch and lenses to do the glasses test.

If your child does need glasses, you will be given a prescription to take to your local opticians.

You may be here for a few hours so please come prepared. There is a playroom and baby changing facilities.

If needed, the Orthoptist will arrange a follow up appointment.

If you wish to speak to someone by phone please contact the Orthoptic Department:

Orthoptic Department, Entrance B, Second Floor, Wigan Health Centre, Frog Lane, Wigan, WN6 7LB
Telephone Number: 01942 822310 (Mon – Friday 8.30am – 4.00pm)
Please use this space to write notes/reminders.
Comments, Compliments or Complaints

The Patient Relations/Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) Department provides confidential on the spot advice, information and support to patients, relatives, friends and carers.

Contact Us

Tel: 01942 822376 (Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm)

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Ask 3 Questions

Become more involved in decisions about your healthcare. You may be asked to make choices about your treatment. To begin with, try to make sure you get the answers to three key questions:

1. What are my options?
2. What are the pros and cons of each option for me?
3. How do I get support to help me make a decision that is right for me?

How We Use Your Information

For details on how we collect, use and store the information we hold about you, please take a look at our “how we use your information” leaflet which can be found on the Trust website: www.wwl.nhs.uk/patient_information/Leaflets/default.aspx

This leaflet is also available in audio, large print, braille and other languages upon request. For more information please ask in department/ward.