



Doncaster- Minor Eyecare Condition Service (MECS)

The Minor Eye Care Condition Service (MECS) is available to patients registered with a GP in Doncaster. **Please note this is not a same day walk in service**

All patients are triaged prior to being seen

Appointments are usually offered on the same day, but may be scheduled for the following day, depending on availability.

The service is available to: Adults and children aged 5 years and over (children under 17 must be accompanied by an adult)

✓ Who to Refer / Signpost

Eye problems, including but not limited to:

- Dry eye
- Non-acute red eye / eyelids (irritation or inflammation)
- Itchy eye, Gritty eye
- Mild pain or discomfort in the eye
- Ingrown eyelash Flashes and floaters
- Significant recent sticky discharge from the eye or watery eye
- Foreign body in the eye
- Cysts, lumps and bumps in eyelids
- Non-specific field defects
- Unexplained loss of vision including; sudden onset of blurred vision
- Systemic disease
- Emergency contact lens removal

X What is NOT Covered by MECS

Any eye condition that is being regularly monitored by your optometrists or hospital eye service, this will not be covered by this service, for example, cataracts, diabetic retinopathy or glaucoma. **Eye problems excluded but not limited to:-**

- Emergencies such as chemical / burns / industrial injuries. Penetrating trauma, excluding long term conditions or severe eye conditions which requires immediate hospital interventions.
- Sudden onset double vision.
- Severe pain requiring immediate attention.
- Orbital cellulitis.
- Temporal arteritis.
- Sudden loss / dramatic reduction in vision in one eye.
- Problems arising from recent surgery.
- Acute glaucoma.
- Chalazia or Cataracts requiring surgery.
- Children's Pre-School Vision Screening.
- Ocular Hypertension / Intraocular Pressure Referral Refinement.





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How to Refer / Signpost

Signpost patients to Evolutio telephone triage line 0800 112 0070

Patients can refer themselves to the MECS optometrist of their choice either via telephone or in person. Referrals into the service may also come through any of the following routes:

- Self-referral to the service
- Referral or signposting via GP (Care Navigation)
- Referral from another ophthalmic practitioner who does not provide the service
- Other referral sources may include Minor Injuries Unit / Pharmacists, non-participating optometrist etc. Please note this list is not exhaustive.

Optometrist Triage and where necessary onward referral

On telephoning the Practice, patient is asked questions about symptoms to access how quickly they need to be seen, **either within 24hrs or a few working days**. This assessment maybe virtual or the patient will have a face to face assessment arranged if deemed necessary.

If the patient is suitable then the patient is seen by the participating practice if not suitable the patient is referred for onward management. **The registered GP is informed on outcome of MECS assessment or onward referral.**

