

Freedom of Information request 014448

20/11/18

1) During 2017/18 financial year what is your total number of new patient and follow up episodes within the Orthoptic Department? - New 2169 Follow up 4410

2) Please advise of your Orthoptic Department Structure, please indicate bands and WTE's

Orthoptics

3.1 WTE Band 7 Orthoptists

2 WTE Band 6 Orthoptists

1 WTE Band 5 Orthoptist

1 WTE Band 5 Glaucoma Technician

6 WTE Band 4 Ophthalmic Technicians

Optometry

0.6 WTE Band 7 Optometrist

Admin

0.53 WTE Band 2 Clerical Assistant

3) Does your Orthoptic Department carry out any of the below specialist clinics? Yes or no and who carries out these clinics?

a) Low Vision - yes, Orthoptist

b) Literacy Difficulties - yes, Orthoptist

c) Stroke - yes, seen within normal clinics by Orthoptist or Technician

d) Paediatric Contact Lens - yes, seen within contact lens clinics by Optometrist

e) Adult Contact Lens - yes, Optometrist

f) General Adult - yes, Orthoptist and Ophthalmologist

g) General Paediatric - yes, Orthoptist and Optometrist or Ophthalmologist

4) What is the allocated orthoptic appointment slot time for new and follow up appointments for the following clinics (in minutes)?

a) Low Vision - 30 mins New & FUp

b) Literacy Difficulties - 40 mins New, 20 mins FUp

c) Stroke - 40 mins New & FUp

d) Paediatric Contact Lens - 40 min new, 20 min follow up

e) Adult Contact Lens - 40 min new, 20 & 40 mins f-up

f) General Adult - 40 mins New & FUp

g) General Paediatric - 20 mins New & FUp

5) Please can you provide the tariff your receive for the below subspecialities, new and follow up, please indicate if multi-disciplined (excluding market force factors)?

a) Low Vision - New single professional £33.73, Follow up single professional £33.73

b) Literacy Difficulties - New single professional £33.73, Follow up single professional £33.73

c) Stroke - New single professional £33.73, Follow up single professional £33.73

d) Paediatric Contact Lens - New single professional £33.73, Follow up single professional £33.73

e) Adult Contact Lens - New single professional £33.73, Follow up single professional £33.73

f) General Adult - New single professional £33.73, Follow up single professional £33.73

g) General Paediatric - New single professional £33.73, Follow up single professional £33.73

6) Do you employ Optometrists who carry out refraction in your paediatric doctor led clinics? - No, paediatric refraction clinics run separately, medics refract during doctor led clinics

7) Do you have a clinical pathway for patients to be refracted within high street opticians? Yes or No  
No

a) If yes, what is the clinical criteria? N/A

8) If you refract the patient do high street opticians invoice you via the Hospital Eye Services Prescription Scheme? Yes or No - Yes

a) If yes, do you claim this money back from Clinical Commissioning Groups or NHS England or part of tariff? - CCG

9) What is your first line of treatment for occlusion? Eg Atropine/patching?

Depends on level of Visual Acuity. Both options offered to parents to choose in appropriate cases

10) As part of your tariff do you provide any of the following aids/equipment?

a) Prisms - yes

b) Planos - yes

c) Reusable occlusion patches (Fabric) - yes

d) Daily occlusion Patches (Sticky) - yes

e) Magnifier x 2 - yes

f) LED Magnifier x 3 - yes

g) LED Magnifier x 4 and above - yes

h) Pocket Magnifiers x 3.5 - yes

i) Lanyards for pocket Magnifier - yes (included when ordering magnifier)

j) Other Magnifiers please list:

Non-Illuminated magnifiers up to 10x handheld and stand - yes

Pocket magnifiers 4x and 7x - yes

Detail glasses - yes

Hyperocular Glasses - yes

Field expander (minimisers) - yes

Monocular and binocular telescopes - yes

Dome and bar magnifiers (non illuminated) - yes

k) TV Glasses - yes

l) UV filter glasses - No

m) Hobby Magnifiers - yes

n) Replacement for broken Magnifiers - yes

o) Tinted glasses for visual stress - No

p) Replacement for broken tinted glasses for visual stress - No

q) Any other - Coloured overlays

11) Do patients pay or financially contribute for any of the following aids/equipment?

a) Prisms - no

b) Planos - no

c) Reusable occlusion patches (Fabric) - no

d) Daily occlusion Patches (Sticky) - no

e) Magnifier x 2 - no

f) LED Magnifier x 3 - no

g) LED Magnifier x 4 and above - no

h) Pocket Magnifiers x 3.5 - no

i) Lanyards for pocket Magnifier - no

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Pocket magnifiers 4x and 7x - no

Detail glasses - yes

Hyperocular Glasses - no

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Monocular and binocular telescopes - no

Dome and bar magnifiers (non illuminated) - no

k) TV Glasses - no

l) UV filter glasses - n/a

m) Hobby Magnifiers - no

- n) Replacement for broken Magnifiers - no
- o) Tinted glasses for visual stress - No
- p) Replacement for broken tinted glasses for visual stress - No
- q) Any other - No

12) Do you provide any of the following aids/equipment on a patient loan scheme?

- a) Prisms - no
- b) Planos - yes but don't always get back
- c) Reusable occlusion patches (Fabric) - no
- d) Daily occlusion Patches (Sticky) - no
- e) Magnifier x 2 - yes
- f) LED Magnifier x 3 - yes
- g) LED Magnifier x 4 and above - yes
- h) Pocket Magnifiers x 3.5 - yes
- i) Lanyards for pocket Magnifier - yes
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- m) Hobby Magnifiers - yes
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- q) Any other - No

Low vision

13) What is your clinical referral criteria for your low vision service eg vision 6/12 or worse?

We don't have a strict referral criteria for the LVA clinic , clinical judgement is used.

Any patient who is referred by our consultants, or directly from their optician, are felt to have a problem that could be helped by magnifiers .

Sometimes when we see them they only require advise about lighting rather than a magnifier .

Near vision is rarely tested in the doctors clinics and distance vision is not a good indicator of what power magnifier is needed for reading .

People with excellent near and distance VA's may have a field defect that requires assessing.

People have different life styles and expectations so I feel it would be wrong to have strict criteria that might exclude someone we could help .

Literacy Difficulties

14) Do you provide colorimetry assessment as part of your literacy difficulties service? - No