

System and Assurance Framework for Eye-health (SAFE) - Glaucoma

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PATHWAY	Presentation Referral	Diagnosis & Treatment	Review / Monitoring	Patient Support
		High / Moderate Risk Specialist Management	Low Risk	
GUIDELINES	NICE: Glaucoma Diagnosis & Management - NG81 (2017) Professional Body Guideline: RCOphth – Glaucoma Commissioning Guide 2016 (endorsed by CCEHC)			
Tools	CCEHC NICE Guideline Implementation Template 2018 Professional Body Resources RCOphth – The Way Forward Resources 2017			
Requirements				
	Commission Referral Filtering: Repeat measures Enhanced case finding Clinical Assessment: Referral Threshold >=24mmHg by Goldmann-type applanation tonometry Standard Automated Perimetry	Therapeutic Treatment: • Prescribe generic prostaglandin analogue (PGA)	Commission Monitoring Pathway: OHT Suspect COAG Commission Discharge Pathway to Primary Care: Stable low-risk OHT (requires Repeat measures)	Commission: • Low Vision Service • Referral Pathway to Low Vision Services NICE Guidance CG91 (2009): Recognise & manage depression in adults with chronic physical health problem
	Assurance: Workforce competency Governance	Assurance: Workforce competency Governance	Assurance:	Assurance: Workforce competency Governance
Service organisation & delivery	CCEHC Framework Primary Eye Care Service (Additional to GOS, e.g. LOCSU pathways)	Hospital Eye Service RCOphth Standards and Publications	CCEHC Framework Community Ophthalmology	CCEHC Framework Low Vision, Rehabilitation & Habilitation
Metrics for monitoring services	VISION UK: Portfolio of Indicators for Eye Health and Care – Indicators 4i, 4ii, 10,12,13,16 and 17 CCEHC: Quality Indicators for Commissioning			

LINKS TO TOOLS AND RESOURCES

GUIDELINES:

NICE Glaucoma guidance - NG 81 - 2017.

https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng81/evidence/full-guideline-pdf-4660991389

https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng81/resources

Depression in adults with a chronic physical health problem: recognition and management - CG91 - 2009.

https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/cg91

RCOphth Glaucoma Commissioning Guidance 2016 – NICE accredited.

https://www.rcophth.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/Glaucoma-Commissioning-Guide-Long-June-2016-Final.pdf

Tools:

Requirements

CCEHC: NICE Guideline Implementation Template - 2018 www.ccehc.org.uk

Professional Body Resources:

College of Optometrists

Higher Qualifications in Glaucoma:

https://www.college-optometrists.org/cpd-and-cet/training-and-qualifications/higher-qualifications/glaucoma-qualifications.html

These are aligned with the requirements set out in NICE guidance (NG81).

The College of Optometrists Higher Qualifications in Glaucoma prepare optometrists in the community and within a hospital setting to provide glaucoma care according to the case mix described in NICE Guideline.

Guidance for Professional Practice - 2017

http://guidance.college-optometrists.org/home/

The College of Optometrists' Guidance for Professional Practice is sets out what is expected of optometrists and applies to all work environments. It helps ensure that optometrists put their patient's interests first, and work in partnership with them so they receive the best possible care. It is applicable in all optometric work environments: independent practice, multiples and hospital settings.

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The Way Forward: Glaucoma - 2017

https://www.rcophth.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/RCOphth-The-Way-Forward-Glaucoma-300117.pdf https://www.rcophth.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/RCOphth-The-Way-Forward-Glaucoma-Summary-300117.pdf

The Way Forward resources provide options based on good practice for developments in service delivery and organisation, whilst maintaining clinical standards and governance for patient care.

Common Clinical Competency Framework - Glaucoma 2016 https://www.rcophth.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/CCCF-Cataract.pdf https://www.rcophth.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/CCCF-HCPs.pdf

This provides the standards and guidance for the knowledge, skills and competencies for non-medical eye healthcare professionals to provide patient care – primarily, but not exclusively in hospital settings. The professional bodies are developing national educational programmes to deliver these, but in the meantime could be applied local or regional training courses to ensure necessary competencies are met.

RCOphth Standards and Publications - https://www.rcophth.ac.uk/standards-publications-research/
Provided here are a range of standards and guidance for good practice, service provision, and quality.

Service Organisation & Delivery

Clinical Council for Eye Health Commissioning

Primary Eye Care Framework (CCEHC 2018): www.ccehc.org.uk

Community Ophthalmology Framework (CCEHC 2018): www.ccehc.org.uk

Low Vision Habilitation Rehabilitation Services Framework (CCEHC 2018): www.ccehc.org.uk

The frameworks developed by the Clinical Council for Eye Health Commissioning (CCEHC) are aimed at easing capacity problems within the hospital eye service and improving patient flows within a service system. These provide the overall architecture for how pathways of care within a service system are organised, delivered and monitored, based on clinical risk stratification of a patient's condition and the skills and competence of the health care practitioner.

Metrics Vision UK: Portfolio of Indicators for Eye Health and Care 2018 - www.ccehc.org.uk

CCEHC: Commissioning Quality Indicators - www.ccehc.org.uk

GLOSSARY:

Service System

A service system includes the range of pathways of care delivering services that may involve multiple providers and settings, to address the needs of a defined patient population or condition.

General Ophthalmic Service (GOS)

The GOS is commissioned by NHS England. This contracts primary care opticians' practices to provide NHS sight tests for preventative and corrective eye care for children, people aged 60 and over, adults on low incomes and those suffering from, or predisposed to, eye conditions and diseases.

Primary Eye Care Service

This service is commissioned by CCGs. It includes supplementary services that are necessary prior to referral for specialist ophthalmic opinion (usually within the Hospital Eye Service), thereby improving the quality of referrals. Primary eye care service will typically include the ability to:

- conduct re-checks to confirm abnormal test results (detected by a NHS eye test / eye examination) e.g. repeat measures as outlined in NICE Glaucoma Guideline NG 81.
- further refine the decision to refer e.g. where risks and benefits are discussed with the patient prior to referral for cataract surgery
- address the needs of a patient presenting with an acute eye condition (first contact)
- manage a range of low risk primary eye conditions

Community Ophthalmology Service

This service is commissioned by CCGs. It involves the assessment and management of patients whose eye conditions are at low risk of deterioration who are either referred by primary care for assessment or discharged from secondary care for monitoring, in order to release capacity and improve patient flows within the system. It has some or all of the following characteristics:

- the ability to make definitive diagnoses to manage and treat the majority of cases referred into it
- be effective as a monitoring service for patients at risk of their condition deteriorating asymptomatically
- provides an access point for patients with recurrent symptomatic disease.

Hospital Eye Service

This service is commissioned by CCGs. It provides specialist ophthalmic services for acute and chronic care diagnosis, intervention and management; including emergency and urgent eye care.

Low Vision, Habilitation and Rehabilitation Framework

This service is commissioned across the eye care pathways by both CCGs and Social Services. This service should:

- improve the process for certification of vision impairment and the associate data flows across the health and care system
- provide practical and emotional support post diagnosis e.g. through eye care liaison officers (ECLOs) and counsellors
- · provide timely assessments of visual function and provision of appropriate assistive aids and relevant training

Repeat Measures

The repeated measurement of parameters related to the diagnosis of glaucoma. A simple repeat measures scheme may involve repeat measurement of IOP only. Other repeat measures schemes may also include repeated measurement of visual fields and other relevant ocular parameters when clinically necessary. [Repeat measures take place prior to initial referral].

Enhanced case finding

Enhanced community case-finding services use slit lamp mounted Goldmann-type applanation tonometry, dilated slit lamp indirect biomicroscopy and other tests deemed necessary by the healthcare professional.

Clinical Council for Eye Health Commissioning

The Clinical Council for Eye Health Commissioning (CCEHC) is an independent advisory body providing evidence-based national clinical leadership, advice and guidance to policy makers in health, social care and public health, and those commissioning and providing eye health services in England. It is recognised as such through a Memorandum of Understanding with NHS England. The CCEHC's recommendations are provided in the best interest of patients, on the best evidence available and independent of any professional or commercial interests. Its membership, includes the major clinical professions, social care, charity and voluntary organisations within the eye health and care sector.