

Information for Patients

Glaucoma Evaluation Clinic

What is the glaucoma evaluation clinic?

The glaucoma evaluation clinic is staffed by non-medical staff (nurses and ophthalmic science practitioners (OSPs), who have been trained to carry out a series of tests and investigations, the same as you would have in a regular glaucoma clinic. This ensures that all your tests will be done in one visit. You may also have a pre attendance telephone call to ask specific questions relating to your ongoing care. If you are registered with MyMFT you may be prompted to complete a pre-visit questionnaire in the App in advance of your appointment. The glaucoma clinical team will then review the results of your tests and decide how best to manage your condition. The glaucoma specialist will write to you to keep you informed of your results.

What happens during a glaucoma evaluation clinic appointment?

Following arrival at the clinic you will have:

- Your vision checked by reading the eye chart.
- Your eye pressures measured.
- A scan and photograph of your optic nerve.
- You will have drops put in your eyes to dilate your pupils. The effects of these drops can last for a few hours and can affect your vision. It is advisable that you do not drive whilst your pupils are dilated.

Which patients are suitable for a glaucoma evaluation clinic?

You are ideally suited for the evaluation clinic if your glaucoma is stable or at a very low risk of progressing. Some people with more complex glaucoma conditions may be occasionally invited to attend if their appointment in a face-to-face clinic has been delayed. If at any time your condition changes and you require more frequent review, then you will be given an appointment for clinic to see the doctor, optometrist or nurse. If during your appointment any urgent or immediate concerns are identified, then staff will seek advice from the glaucoma team at Manchester Royal Eye Hospital.

What are the benefits of having glaucoma evaluation clinics?

- This system maximises all our available appointments to ensure that people are not given unnecessary appointments, kept waiting for appointments or do not have their appointments cancelled.
- People who can be discharged are discharged sooner.
- Waiting times in the evaluation clinic are much shorter.
- Your results are reviewed by a Senior Specialist in the Glaucoma Team to ensure the best management of your glaucoma.
- All tests are performed in one visit to the hospital.

Contact information

Glaucoma Specialist Nurses (0161) 701 4819 or via switchboard (0161) 276 1234 bleep 1976 available Monday – Friday hours may vary

If you have an enquiry regarding your appointment, please contact the appointment booking team:

- Adult glaucoma appointments (0161) 276 5533 (option 1) available Monday – Friday 9.00am – 4.00pm