

Information for Patients

Glaucoma Evaluation Clinic

What is the glaucoma evaluation clinic?

The glaucoma evaluation clinic is staffed by non-medical staff 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. The consultant glaucoma specialist then reviews the results of all of your tests and makes a decision about how best to manage your condition. The 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 photograph and computer scan of your optic nerve.
- A visual field test to assess your peripheral or side vision.
- All your results are then sent to the consultant glaucoma specialist to be reviewed.
- You might 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.

What patients are suitable for a glaucoma evaluation clinic?

Patients ideally suited for the evaluation clinic are those whose glaucoma is stable or at a very low risk of progressing. 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 you will be reviewed by a doctor the same day at the 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.
- Every patient's results are reviewed by a consultant glaucoma specialist to ensure the best management of your glaucoma.
- All tests are performed in one visit to the hospital.