

CED to Sussex Eye Hospital referral guidance

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See also: **preseptal cellulitis** guideline on Paediatric Microguide

Background

Sussex Eye Hospital is able to provide Nurse Practitioner and Ophthalmologist-led care to children of any age.

The Eye Casualty will see walk-ins and take referrals from CED for the following problems (not an exhaustive list):

- Acute onset motility disorders +/- diplopia
- Eye trauma that cannot be managed in CED
- Eye foreign bodies
- Pre-septal / Orbital cellulitis assessment
- NAI concerns
- Severe neonatal conjunctivitis / chalazion etc.
- Children with headache for optic nerve assessment for raised intracranial pressure (papilloedema). Please note that these patients are best referred and seen in hours where possible as they may require additional investigations e.g. Humphreys visual field tests, that are unavailable out of hours.

Non urgent patients need to be seen by the GP or the optician and be referred along appropriate pathways.

Referral process for emergency or urgent conditions

CED clinician to contact SEH clinician via:

For acute onset motility disorders +/- diplopia:

- email if in hours: BSUH.Orthopticsopd@nhs.net
- out of hours: refer as for other conditions

For other emergency/urgent conditions:

- on bleep: **8236**
- in hours on phone via SEH A&E: **64874**;
- out of hours on phone via Pickford ward: **64881**

Verbal referral and agreed time for review at SEH. This may be next day if non-urgent

If unable to contact a SEH clinician after 3 attempts, complete written referral (see [below](#)) and send child to SEH A&E with notes





Complete written referral using referral form on Panda (see [below](#))
Child and parent to attend SEH with CED notes unless child has not already been seen in the CED



SEH clinician will provide copy of SEH documentation and clear outcomes of review and send back with child and parents with CED notes.

How to refer to Ophthalmology using the referral form on Panda:

1. Open Panda. Find the patient you want to refer using the 'Patient Search' or 'Quick Find' at top of page. Enter the MRN number and press enter. The patient details will appear.
2. Click on 'Referrals' tab to view the forms options. Select 'Sussex Eye Hospital A&E Referral (Ophthalmology Acute Referral)' form.
3. A new page will open. Fill in as directed.
4. Print a copy of the form and place in the notes. This can be done once the referral has been submitted and it appears in the referrals list.

