

If you fall into one of the following categories you are eligible for an eye examination paid for by the NHS and there will be no cost to you:

Under 16

Under 19 in Full Time Education

If you suffer from Diabetes

If you suffer from Glaucoma

If you are over 40 with a member of your immediate family with Glaucoma

If you have been determined to be at risk of Glaucoma by an Ophthalmologist at a hospital

If you are in receipt of: Income Support

Income-based Jobseekers Allowance

Income-related Employment & Support Allowance

Pension Credit Guaranteed Credit

Tax Credit or are named on a Valid NHS Tax Credit Exemption Certificate

If you are named on a valid HC2 certificate

If you have been prescribed complex lenses under the NHS optical voucher scheme

The NHS will not pay for a new sight examination for loss or breakage of spectacles in less than 2 years of the last examination (1 year for patients who are Diabetic, have Glaucoma or are at risk of Glaucoma) and you may be required to pay for the examination privately, if there is no change in your prescription. We are able to use an existing Prescription which is under 2 years old to make new spectacles in this case

#### Minor Eye Conditions Service (MEC)

If you are coming to see us for one of the following problems, you may need to book into the MEC, rather than a standard eye examination, so please call us to make an appropriate appointment in this instance. The service is not for emergencies and you may not be able to be seen in under 5 days, so if you have had any sudden loss of vision or extreme pain, please contact either your GP, 111 or ourselves immediately for advice.

Acute\* red eyes

Acute\* irritated or inflamed eyes

Sticky discharge or acute watery eyes

Ingrowing eyelashes

Some foreign bodies in the eye (Only suitable to be seen in the MEC if it can be left for up to 5 days)

Low risk flashes and floaters – it becomes high risk if : you are very short-sighted or have experienced hundreds/thousands of little black/red dots

the last 2 months

you have had eye surgery in

detachment

you are very short-sighted

If you have had a previous retinal

A family history of retinal detachments

coming across your vision

It feels as though there is/was a curtain

\*Acute – having occurred in the last couple of weeks