



Practice Plus Group, Croft Shifa

Ophthalmology referrer handbook



Service information

At Practice Plus Group Ophthalmology, we are able to treat patients over the age of 18 years for a variety of conditions. We recognise how important it is for patients to be seen as quickly as possible, therefore we provide options for both NHS and private patients. We endeavour to provide quick access to high-quality treatments both on the NHS and for self-pay patients.

Our services include:

General ophthalmology

- Cataracts (single and bilateral)
- Corneal outpatients
- Posterior capsular opacity
- Floater/ vitreous assessment (non-urgent)
- Retinal tears (non-urgent, referred within working hours with a call to clinic to accept)
- Blurred or reduced vision (non-urgent)
- Blepharitis and dry eyes

Glaucoma

- Glaucoma diagnoses and management
- Narrow angles / Gonioscopy
- Micro incisional glaucoma surgery (I Stents)

Laser treatment

- YAG laser peripheral iridotomy
- YAG laser capsulotomy
- Macular grid laser
- Retinal laser
- Selective Laser Trabeculoplasty (SLT)

Medical retinal conditions

- Any macular pathology
- Age-related macular degeneration
- Retinal vein occlusions
- Macular haemorrhage
- Myopic CNV
- Hydroxychloroquine screening
- Vitelliform macular degeneration
- Central serous retinopathy (CSR)
- Diabetic macular oedema (but not proliferative diabetic retinopathy)
- Dilated retinal assessment (non-urgent)

Vitreo-retinal surgery

- Macular holes
- Macular epiretinal membranes
- Vitreo-macular traction (VMT)

Oculoplastics

- Chalazion removal
- Entropion and ectropion repair
- Ptosis repair
- Punctal plug insertion
- Skin lesion removal
- Blepharoplasty (self-pay only)

Please note:

- All patients with vein occlusions need to be referred by the optometrists to their GP for cardiovascular risk checks as well as being referred to us, regardless of whether there is MO or not.
- We treat DMO patients with central retinal thickness of less than 400um as well as over 400um.

Why choose us?

NHS patients

Free high quality healthcare with short waiting times.

Did you know patients can choose where to have their NHS hospital treatment? Patients that need to see an NHS specialist can choose to access Practice Plus Group as an NHS patient.



Mobile service

Mobile ophthalmology service.

Practice Plus Group Ophthalmology provide local mobile services for the treatment of Wet Age-Related Macular Degeneration (Wet AMD).



Private healthcare

Self-pay and insured options for patients with Wellsoon.

Available for patients paying for themselves or using their private medical insurance, Wellsoon offers high quality, consultant-delivered care without the unnecessary extras. Getting patients back to their best sooner.

Our locations

We're committed to bringing care closer to you.

You can find us at the Croft Shifa Health Centre in Rochdale, or at a number of mobile sites across the region.



99% of patients surveyed recommended Practice Plus Group Ophthalmology to their friends and family.



The independent regulator of health and social services, CQC, rated Practice Plus Group Ophthalmology as 'Outstanding'.



Practice Plus Group Ophthalmology has a 100% clean record against hospital-acquired infections.

How to refer

GPs and optometrists

We can accept referrals through our dedicated channels below. This includes use of the GOS18 referral form or our fast-track referral form.



Email

Wet AMD practiceplusgrp.macular@nhs.net

All other services: practiceplusgrp.nwophthalmology@nhs.net



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Wet AMD referrals

We can treat most macular conditions that respond to intravitreal injections:

- Wet Macular Degeneration (WAMD)
- Diabetic Macular Oedema (DMO)
- Vein Occlusions (VO)
- Neovascular membranes associated with myopia (Myopic CNVM)

(These conditions may be treated with Lucentis, Eylea, Avastin, Vabysmo or Beovu.)

We are unable to treat patients who have dry AMD

For more information about referrals, please visit:

practiceplusgroup.com/rochdale

For a copy of our fast-track referral form please call **0333 200 4058**

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Cataract acceptance criteria

Thank you for your referral to your local Practice Plus Group specialist cataract centre.

We offer our services in new, purpose built hospitals, with specialist staff, up-to-date equipment and have very high levels of patient satisfaction, with good visual outcomes. We aim to operate on cataract patients with exceptional care and within one month of referral. Because of this, we are regularly awarded 'Good' and 'Outstanding' CQC reviews. We are able to operate on most patients with a cataract, as recent NICE guidance recommends not restricting access to cataract surgery based on 'visual acuity', but on how the cataract 'symptoms' affect their lifestyle.

As we operate in the community, there are a small number of patients that are best operated on in a general hospital.

These include:

Implanted cardiac defibrillator	Inability to lay flat for 30 minutes
Require continuous O2 therapy	Cardiac arrest or stroke in the last six months
Black cataracts	BMI >40 in Practice Plus Group surgical centres
Phacodonesis	BMI >45 in Practice Plus Group hospital settings
Nanophthalmos	General anaesthetic*

*Surgeries that require general anaesthetic are only available at:

- Practice Plus Group Hospital, Emersons Green
- Practice Plus Group Surgical Centre, Devizes
- Practice Plus Group Hospital, Barlborough

We look forward to caring for your patient and returning them to your practice for ongoing optometric care and post-operative glasses.

Self-pay options

Patients looking for more flexibility around their appointments and lens choices can choose Wellsoon private healthcare from Practice Plus Group. Patients can pay for treatment through self-pay, finance, or through their private medical insurance.

Our private treatments include:

- ✓ **Cataract**
- ✓ **YAG laser capsulotomy**
- ✓ **Consultations**
- ✓ **Oculoplastics**
- ✓ **Glaucoma surgery**
- ✓ **Retinal lasers**
- ✓ **SLT laser**
- ✓ **VR Macular holes**
- ✓ **ERM surgery**

Access to treatment within 6 weeks*

We deliver an outpatient appointment and treatment within six weeks of first making contact.

Funding options

We offer patients options to spread the cost of their treatment using interest free and low APR finance options. Finance is available over 12 months 0% or longer-term options available from 24-60 months 14.9% APR.

*Terms and conditions apply. Treatment waiting times may be longer for patients who are not fit for surgery. Costs are uniform nationally, however customers may be required to pay for scans/tests if considered necessary. Practice Plus Group Hospitals Limited trading as Practice Plus Group is an Appointed Representative of Chrysalis Finance Limited, which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. Practice Plus Group Hospitals Limited is a credit broker, not a lender. Visit practiceplusgroup.com/wellsoon/t-and-c.

Lens choices

Monofocal lens

Good for single distance or near vision.

Eyehance lens

Good for distance vision plus some intermediate vision.

Extended depth of focus (EDOF)

Ideal for improving distance and intermediate vision (e.g. computer screen vision). They are suitable for eyes with low astigmatism, and patients who prefer not to wear glasses for driving and intermediate computer work.

Toric distance lens

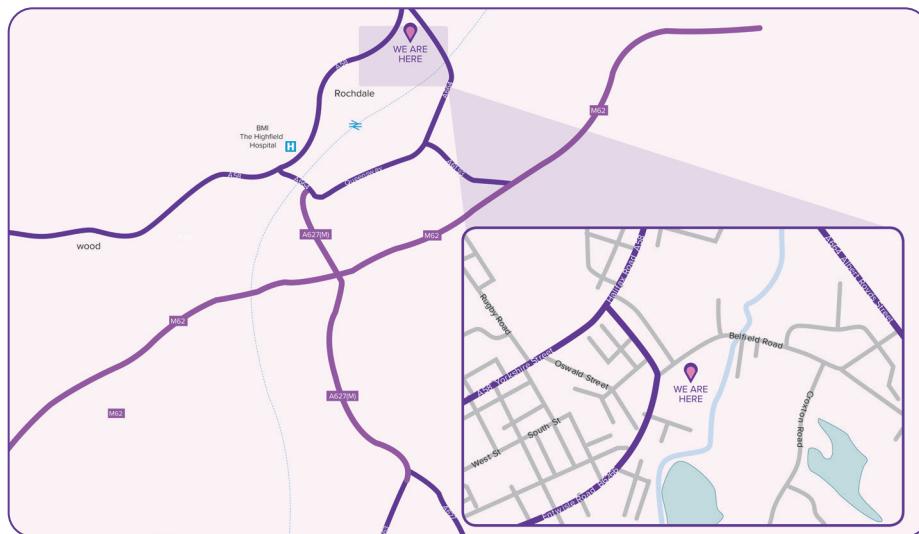
Gives good distance vision for patients with astigmatism. Can be used with monofocal, multi-focal, eyehance or EDOF lenses to improve both short and long sightedness.

Multi-focal lenses

To reduce the need for wearing glasses at all distances, especially in good light. These lenses help patients with low astigmatism, giving good vision for distance, intermediate and near sight.



Contact our private healthcare team for more information



Address

Practice Plus Group Ophthalmology
Croft Shifa Health Centre
Belfield Rd
Rochdale
OL16 2UP

Opening hours :

Monday – Friday 8:30am – 5pm

Call us:

Reception
0333 200 4058

Book a private consultant
0333 060 9327

All calls (inbound and outbound) are recorded for quality and training purposes.

Book a private consultant
0330 135 8039

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