

As a result of measures to delay the spread of the Covid-19 Virus, the Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust (SaTH) has taken the decision to reduce the number of outpatient clinic appointments and cancel all routine surgery. This will help to minimise risk to our patients and reduce the risk to staff members who will be caring for critically ill patients.

Therefore if your condition requires routine appointment or surgery we are currently unable to offer you a new date for your appointment, but we will be in touch with you as soon as we can.

Emergency and Urgent Eye Provision

We are continuing to offer urgent/emergency appointments for wet AMD, Medical Retina, retinal detachment, cornea, plastics and paediatric. Urgent theatre is taking place on the clinical guidance of the Consultant Ophthalmologists.

During the Coronavirus outbreak, referrals to Urgent Eye Clinic (UEC) continue as normal for community clinicians (e.g. opticians, GPs). If you are a patient please firstly try to telephone your local optician or GP services for advice.

During the crisis SaTH's Urgent Eye Clinic will provide further support for patients as well as the existing support for community clinicians.

If you feel you require **Urgent/Emergency** Eye Care e.g. you are experiencing pain, sudden loss of vision or acute worsening of vision please call 01743 261476 between the hours of 9 am – 5 pm (Mon to Fri) and 10 am – 12 noon (Sat to Sun).

During the crisis, unless you have a severe penetrating eye injury, do not present to Accident and Emergency Departments

Orthoptic Appointments

All Orthoptic appointments have been cancelled. For conditions that can be treated via a telephone consultation these will be offered. If you are patient that has used the Orthoptic Service or have been referred but not yet seen and you believe your condition to be urgent please call the Orthoptic Team on 01743 261000 ext 3324. This is an answerphone service and if your call is not answered please leave a message and a member of the team will get back to you.

Post Operative Cataract Follow Up Appointment

If you have had cataract surgery and require a post-operative review please contact Community Health and Eyecare Limited on 0330 100 4730.