

Clinical prioritisation in Ophthalmology: Newly referred patients - suggested default\* target dates to be seen

|                                                                                                                        | Default target date to appointment (tbc) [weeks] | Estimate for proportion that could wait longer [weeks] | Estimate for proportion that should be seen sooner [weeks] |
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| <b>Priority 1: Patients may suffer serious irreversible harm from delays</b>                                           |                                                  |                                                        |                                                            |
| Wet AMD (Not AMD in general)                                                                                           | 4                                                | none                                                   | few                                                        |
| Glaucoma                                                                                                               | 6                                                | many and 10 - 26 weeks                                 | few                                                        |
| Diabetic Retinopathy                                                                                                   | 6                                                | none                                                   | few                                                        |
| Paediatric patients with strabismus.                                                                                   | 6                                                | none                                                   | few                                                        |
| Paediatric surveillance patients with a raft of other conditions in which ocular pathology plays a part                | 6                                                | few                                                    | few                                                        |
| Ocular cancers (new )                                                                                                  | 6                                                | many (BCCs)                                            | few                                                        |
| Post-operative patients.                                                                                               | clinician defined                                | none                                                   | none                                                       |
| Ocular Inflammation                                                                                                    | clinician defined                                | none                                                   | none                                                       |
| Cataract patients with co-morbidity                                                                                    | 6                                                | few                                                    | few                                                        |
| Cataract patients with better eye visual acuity that may compromise safety                                             | 6                                                | few                                                    | few                                                        |
| Others at consultant discretion                                                                                        | clinician defined                                | none                                                   | none                                                       |
| <b>Priority 2: Patients who may suffer reversible harm from delayed appointments</b>                                   |                                                  |                                                        |                                                            |
| Most cataracts                                                                                                         | 26                                               | few                                                    | few                                                        |
| Posterior capsular opacification                                                                                       | 26                                               | few                                                    | few                                                        |
| <b>Priority 3: Patients who may be inconvenienced or suffer mild/reversible consequences from delayed appointments</b> |                                                  |                                                        |                                                            |
| Most adult squints                                                                                                     | 26                                               | many                                                   | few                                                        |
| Most dry eyes                                                                                                          | 26                                               | many                                                   | few                                                        |
| Most watery eyes                                                                                                       | 26                                               | many                                                   | few                                                        |
| Most chronic lid irritation                                                                                            | 26                                               | many                                                   | few                                                        |
| Most adnexal cysts                                                                                                     | 26                                               | many                                                   | few                                                        |
| Most benign eyelid lesions                                                                                             | 26                                               | many                                                   | few                                                        |

\* these are suggestions for use as default target dates so as to aid health records and appointments staff as well as simplifying the informatics and analysis tasks. The WILL be subject to clinician manual override in cases of particular patients needs.