

Patient information – site information leaflet



Moorfields diagnostic service

This leaflet provides answers to some frequently asked questions patients have following a referral to our diagnostic services, explaining what will happen during and after your appointment.

If you have any queries after reading this leaflet, please contact the Moorfields booking centre on 0207 702 5542 for St Georges and Nelson Health Centre appointments. For appointments at Purley, please call 0207 702 5544.

Why have I been referred to the diagnostic service?

You have been referred because your condition needs monitoring, but you do not necessarily need to see a doctor unless there is a change in your condition. This allows us to run our clinics more efficiently and ensure your eye health is monitored with less waiting time.

Please note, we will need to administer dilating eye drops to your eyes which can cause some blurring and sensitivity to daylight. We advise that you do not drive for up to four hours after your appointment.

What will happen during my visit?

The retinal imaging clinic is supported by nurses and ophthalmic technicians. You will not be seen by a doctor on the day; however, you will have all of the relevant tests performed, including a scan of the retina. This streamlined process avoids the lengthy waits that can occur in the general medical retina clinics.

All the information collected will be reviewed by a Medical Retina specialist through your electronic patient record.

What will happen after my visit?

The results of your tests will be reviewed by the clinical team. They will let you know the outcome of your appointment within two weeks by letter. You may be contacted sooner if the consultant sees something requiring a different course of action.

This leaflet is also available in other accessible formats such as braille. Please contact the Patient Advice and Liaison Service on 020 7566 2324 or moorfields.pals@nhs.net to request this information in an alternative format.