



Information for Patients

Minor Eye Conditions Service (MECS)

What is MECS?

MECS is an NHS funded service available to all patients registered with a Worcestershire GP. The service provides patients experiencing recently occurring medical eye conditions with appropriate treatment closer to home.

The service is provided by local optometrists at approved opticians with the specialist knowledge and skills to carry out this work.

Which medical eye conditions can be treated by MECS?

The service is designed for recently occurring medical eye conditions such as:

- Reduction in vision in one or both eyes
- Red eye(s)
- Pain and/or discomfort in the eyes, around the eye area or temples
- Recent onset or sudden increase in flashing lights and/or floaters in one or both eyes
- Suspected foreign body in the eye

If you are unsure whether your symptoms qualify, please contact one of the approved opticians (list enclosed with this leaflet) who can advise you.

How do I access MECS?

A list of approved opticians is enclosed with this leaflet. Please be aware that your normal optometrist may have chosen not to offer this service.

You can contact any of these approved opticians directly (self-refer) to make an appointment and ask to be seen under MECS. Alternatively, if you make an appointment to see your GP, he or she may refer you to the optometrist.

Appointments are available during normal working hours.

What happens when I see the Optometrist?

The optometrist will discuss your eye history, any symptoms you may be experiencing, and any related medical history. You will receive an eye assessment relevant to your symptoms.

Please take a list of all current medications and your glasses with you to the appointment.

As a result of the consultation you may be:

- Given appropriate treatment by the optometrist, this may include a follow-up appointment
- Referred to your GP for appropriate treatment if your eye condition is related to your general health
- Referred directly to the hospital eye service if your eye condition is more serious

Following your appointment, the optometrist will notify your GP about the outcome of your consultation in order to ensure your medical records are updated.

Additional Information:

- **You may not be able to drive immediately after your MECS examination**
- This service does not replace your routine eye examination. A sight test will not be provided as part of the assessment or treatment and you will not be issued with a prescription for glasses.
- **If you have any of the following conditions you must go directly to A&E::**
 - Sudden loss of vision in one or both eyes
 - Considerable eye pain
 - Significant trauma, such as a penetrating injury or lacerations to the eye(s) or lid(s)
 - Chemical eye injury or burns
 - Problems arising from recent surgery

If you have an eye condition which is being monitored by your optometrist or hospital eye service (such as cataracts, glaucoma or dry eye) this will not be covered by MECS.

List of Opticians Providing MECS:

Town / City	Practice Name	Practice Address	Telephone
Worcester	Actons Opticians	10 Cornmarket, Worcester, WR1 2DR	01905 22156
	Boots Opticians	72-74 High Street, Worcester, WR1 2EU	01905 25613
	Brauchli Opticians	7 St Swithins Street, Worcester, WR1 2PY	01905 26193
	Geoffrey Roberts	38 St Johns, Worcester, WR2 5AJ	01905 423217
	Specs Express Opticians	10 St Swithins Street, Worcester, WR1 2PS	01905 613037
	Specsavers Opticians	64 Broad Street, Worcester, WR1 3LY	01905 729779
	Worcester Eyecare	91 Sidbury, Worcester, WR1 2HU	01905 863585
Alvechurch	J & D Mason Opticians	23 The Square, Alvechurch, B48 7LA	0121 4478682
Bewdley	Perrigo Opticians	25 Load Street, Bewdley, DY12 2AE	01299 403722
Bromsgrove	Boots Opticians	64 High Street, Bromsgrove, B61 8EX	01527 872583
	Chapman Opticians	103 High Street, Bromsgrove, B61 8AE	01527 836290
	Eyecare Opticians	BHI Parkside, Stourbridge Road, Bromsgrove, B61 0AZ	01527 888599
	Eyedeal Eyecare	46 High Street, Bromsgrove, B61 8HQ	01527 579777
	Specsavers	131 High Street, Bromsgrove, B61 8AE	01527 579815
Bromyard	Andrew Jelley Opticians	34 High Street, Bromyard, HR7 4AE	01885 488259
Droitwich Spa	Boots Opticians	52 St Andrews Square, Droitwich Spa, WR9 8HE	01905 774661
	Robert Ellin Opticians	41 Ombersley Street East, Droitwich Spa, WR9 8QS	01905 773054
	Specsavers Opticians	10 St Andrews Square, Droitwich Spa, WR9 8HE	01905 790660
Evesham	James Osborne Optometrist	1-3 Swan Lane, Evesham, WR11 4PA	01386 47997
	Specsavers Opticians	24 Bridge Street, Evesham, WR11 4RR	01386 423301
Kidderminster	Boots Opticians	Unit 15, Weavers Wharf, Kidderminster, DY10 1AA	01562 824474
	C G Stephens Opticians	2 Church Street, Kidderminster, DY10 2AD	01562 822803
	Chapman & Myers	5 Vicar Street, Kidderminster, DY10 1DE	01562 822276
	Edmund Proctor Associates	20 Birmingham Road, Kidderminster, DY10 2BX	01562 745850
	Specsavers Opticians	2 Coventry Street, Kidderminster, DY10 2DG	01562 823552
Ledbury	John & Diane Miller	27 High Street, Ledbury, HR8 1DS	01531 632290
Malvern	Holland Opticians	16 Graham Road, Malvern, WR14 2HL	01684 573942
	John & Diane Miller	Chartwell House, Malvern, WR14 2AZ	01684 564766
	Specsavers Opticians	Malvern Retail Park, Roman Way, Malvern, WR14 1PZ	01684 567465
	Tromans Family Eyecare	255 Worcester Road, Malvern, WR14 1AA	01684 565145
	Waller & Waller Opticians	Lambert House, Edith Walk, Malvern, WR14 4QH	01684 892727
Pershore	Pershore Eyecare Centre	16 Bridge St, Pershore, WR10 1AT	01386 555675
	Peter Smith Opticians	14 High Street, Pershore, WR10 1BG	01386 553922
Redditch	Bainbridge Opticians	14 Kingfisher Walk, Redditch, B97 4EY	01527 64691
	Boots Opticians	Kingfisher Centre, 7 Kingfisher Walk, Redditch B97 4EY	01527 63068
	Eyedeal Eyecare	9 Evesham Street, Redditch, B97 4ET	01527 68777
	Specsavers	Unit 14 New Walk, Kingfisher Centre, Redditch, B97 4YP	01527 595558
	Winyates	Unit 8, 17, Winyates Centre, Redditch, B98 0NR	01527 529010
Stourbridge	Julian Hill Opticians	108 Hagley Road, Stourbridge, DY8 1QU	01384 374232
	Hagley Eyecare Studio	41 The Old Wood Yard, Hagley Hall, Stourbridge, DY9 9LQ	01562 887138
Stourport On-Severn	Chapman Opticians	12 New Street, Stourport-on-Severn, DY13 8UW	01299 822729
	Seymour & Easlea Opticians	Unit 4, 2 Lombard Street, Stourport-on-Severn, DY13 8DT	01299 877171
	Specsavers Opticians	45 High Street, Stourport-on-Severn, DY13 8BX	01299 877999
Tenbury Wells	Andrew Jelley Opticians	18 Teme Street, Tenbury Wells, WR15 8BA	01584 811445
Tewkesbury	Specsavers Opticians	3 Bishops Walk, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, GL20 5LQ	01684 273027
Wythall	Pabari Opticians	2 Drakes Cross Parade, Wythall, B47 5HD	01564 824482