

REFERRAL ROUTES FOR WARRINGTON PCT

- **'GP only'** referrals should be sent on GOS18 to GP's Practice.
- **Routine** referrals to the Hospital Eye Department are seen within 2 weeks of referral. There is a choice of routes:
 - 1) Fax top copy of GOS18 to 01925 662209. Hospital will contact patient with appointment.
 - 2) Post top copy to Primary Care Appointments, Dept. of Ophthalmic Surgery, Warrington Hospital, Lovely Lane, Warrington, WA5 1QG. Hospital will contact patient with appointment.
 - 3) Telephone 01925 662155. Appointment will be given over the phone.

If you wish the patient to be under the care of a specific named Consultant then this may be requested when making the appointment.

Post the GP's copy marked 'for reference only'.

- **Emergency** referrals, as indicated in referral guidance section, are best dealt with whilst patient is still in your practice. Telephone Eye Clinic on 01925 662694. The nurse will take the details and say when they can see the patient. (Out of hours, ring 01925 635911 and ask for ophthalmic doctor on call.) Hand the patient the top copy of GOS 18 to take with them to Kendrick Wing, and post the GP's reference copy to the GP.
- **Retinal detachments** are the exception to this. Warrington will laser a tear or hole but not perform detachment surgery. If you are CERTAIN the patient has a detached retina they may be referred directly to St. Paul's Eye Unit at Liverpool University Hospital. Ring 0151 706 3949/3953. There is a primary care clinic which will accept the patient with a covering GOS18. If you are unsure of the diagnosis refer as an emergency to Warrington.
- **Cataract** referrals should be made via PCT 'choose and book' as detailed in cataract referral section.
- **Diabetic** retinopathy referrals, following slit lamp biomicroscopy scheme, should be made directly to Mr Palimar, Diabetic Eye Clinic, Warrington Hospital, Lovely Lane, Warrington WA5 1QG