Participating practices

Brewood
Flint & Partners 01902 851475

Burntwood
Colin Lee Opticians 01543 674687

Cannock
Boots Opticians 01543 503356
Chase Eyecare 01543 570313
Specsavers Opticians 01543 462232

Chase Terrace
Stidwills Ltd 01543 682730

Codsall
4Sight Opticians 01902 844201
Flint & Partners 01902 719855

Eccleshall
Malcolm Gray & Associates 01785 851015

Featherstone
Optical & Hearing Ctr 01902 306925

Gnosall
Mincher Lockett 01785 823790

Great Wyrley
Kelcher Optometrists 01922 412040

Hednesford
Chase Eyecare 01543 422198

Lichfield
Colin Lee Opticians 01543 254645
Specsavers Opticians 01543 417517
Boots Opticians 01543 252086

Penkridge
Carolyn Parker 01785 713861

Rugeley
Colin Lee Opticians 01889 570544
Specsavers Opticians 01889 756060

Stafford
Boots Opticians 01785 225948
Mincher Lockett 01785 253478
Specsavers Opticians 01785 255210
Webb, Lucas & Stubbs 01785 242127
Vision Express 01785 215077

Stone
Specsavers Opticians – 01785 812308

Tamworth
Colin Beeson Optometrists 01827 311517
Jenks Opticians 01827 62792
Specsavers Opticians 01827 60622
Vision Express 01827 316300

Other locations:
Specsavers Opticians, Brownhills 01543 363790. McCracken Opticians, Uttoxeter 01889 562184, Specsavers Opticians, Uttoxeter 01889 561770, Razvi Opticians, Meir 01782 314673, Specsavers Opticians, Longton 01782 337830, Flint & Partners, Wednesfield 01902 719850, Flint & Partners, Wolverhampton, 01902 422096, Taylor Biddle, Compton 01902 750325, 4Sight Opticians Wolverhampton, 01902 714559 – Mander Centre, 01902 723449 – Raynor Parade, Wombourne 01902 895909, Prab Boparai Opticians – 01902 655901

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Minor Eye Problems?

If you have a recent problem with your eyes - such as sore eyes, red eyes or visual disturbance - you can be assessed and treated by our local Minor Eye Conditions service.

This is a free NHS service available from a number of local opticians. See inside for more information of what conditions are covered and how to book an appointment.

What is a Minor Eye Conditions Service (MECS)?

Conditions that can be seen under the service include:

- Red eye or eyelids
- Dry eye, or gritty and uncomfortable eyes
- Irritation and inflammation of the eye
- Significant recent sticky discharge from the eye or watery eye
- Recently occurring flashes or floaters
- Ingrowing eyelashes
- Recent and sudden loss of vision
- Foreign body in the eye

Please note, this is not a sight test

Also, if you have a major eye condition that is being regularly monitored by your optometrist or hospital eye service, this will not be covered by this service; for example, cataracts, diabetic retinopathy or glaucoma.

Where should I go?

Registered optometry practices (opticians) offering the service are listed on the back of this leaflet. An appointment will normally be required, so telephone first. Appointments are available during normal working hours and some practices offer appointments at weekends. Not all practices have an optometrist available every day, but if they don't, they will be able to find you an alternative appointment nearby.

Who is this service for?

If you are registered with a Stafford and Surrounds, Cannock Chase or South East Staffordshire & Seisdon Penninsular area GP you can use this free service. It is for people of all ages – adults and children. Children under 16 years must be accompanied at their appointment by an adult.

How do I book an appointment with the service?

To make an appointment, call one of the opticians on the back of this leaflet. You will be asked some questions about your symptoms in order to assess how quickly you need to be seen by the service, which will be within 24 hours in urgent cases and within a few days for routine appointments.

Please take your glasses and a list of your current medication with you to the appointment. The optometrist may put drops in your eyes to enlarge your pupils in order to get a better view inside your eyes. You should not drive until the effects of these drops have worn off, which may take a few hours.

If your condition is more serious, the optometrist will book you an urgent appointment at a hospital eye clinic. If you need a routine appointment with a hospital, the optometrist will organise this for you.

You may also be advised to make an appointment with your GP if your eye condition is related to your general health.