

Patient information

Cornea Scan and Review Clinic

St Paul's Eye Department – Royal Liverpool Hospital

Welcome to the Cornea Scan & Review Clinic.

This leaflet is designed to provide you with information about your upcoming Cornea Scan-&-Review Clinic appointment.

This is a two-part follow-up service

- **Scan:** You attend the hospital to have scans of your eyes.
- **Review:** A clinician remotely reviews your scans afterward.

This service is designed to monitor patients with stable corneal conditions efficiently and safely.

Such conditions include stable keratoconus, corneal dystrophies or corneal transplants.

It helps reduce waiting times while ensuring that your eye health is carefully monitored.

What to Expect During Your Appointment:

Your appointment will take place in two parts:

1. **Scan:**

- You will be asked to attend the hospital in-person to have a number of eye tests and scans.
- You will be asked to complete a questionnaire about your vision and any changes since your last appointment.

- **You will not see a clinician in person during this visit.**
- You will have the chance to ask any questions regarding your eyes to your clinician on the questionnaire that you will be asked to fill.

2. Review: (Within 6 weeks)

- A clinician will review your test results remotely within 6 weeks.
- A letter will be sent to you, your GP, and your optician, explaining the outcome and follow-up plan.

What Happens Next?

- If your condition remains stable, you will continue in Scan-&-Review Clinic or may be discharged to your local optician.
- If your condition worsens, you may be asked to attend a face-to-face consultation with a clinician or be referred for appropriate treatment.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Will I speak to a doctor during my in-person Scan visit?

- No, this appointment is for scans and tests only. Your results will be reviewed by a qualified clinician remotely within 6 weeks.

2. Does a doctor need to examine my eyes in-person to know if they are getting worse?

- No. The tests which you will have during your appointment are sufficient to give the clinician the information they need to decide if your condition is getting worse.
- In the unusual case that this is not clear, you will be invited to a face-to-face appointment in due time to have your eyes re-assessed.

3. Can my condition deteriorate while I am waiting for my results to be sent by post?

- Your clinician will ask you to attend the Scan-&-Review Clinic only if they decide that your condition is stable and suitable for monitoring.
- It is highly unlikely for your condition to significantly worsen within the interval between when your scans are taken and when the clinician reviews them.
- If you have acute concerns about your eyes, please speak to the clinic staff who will be able to advise you accordingly.

4. Can I choose to have a face-to-face appointment instead?

- The Scan-&-Review Clinic is our new standard of care for stable corneal conditions.
- If you have concerns or feel a face-to-face visit is necessary, please contact the clinic to discuss your options.

5. I travel a long distance to attend this clinic. Can I attend my local hospital for these tests instead?

- No. The eye scans must be done on the same equipment every time to ensure they can be directly comparable in the most accurate way. This is essential to make sure the clinicians are using the most reliable information to assess your eyes every single time.

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Your feedback is important to us and helps us influence care in the future.

Following your discharge from hospital or attendance at your outpatient appointment you will receive a text asking if you would recommend our service to others. Please take the time to text back, you will not be charged for the text and can opt out at any point. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

Further information

Further information please see below

Contact Information

If you have any questions or need to reschedule your appointment, please contact us at:

Corneal Nurse Team (9am-5pm Mon-Fri)

Tel: 0151 706 3915

Text phone number: 18001 0151 706 3915

Primary Care (out of hours)

Tel: 0151 706 3949

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