**APPENDIX 1**

**Cataract referrals guidance – June 2020**

NHS Trafford CCG commissions cataract procedures according to the Greater Manchester Effective Use of Resource (EUR) policy.

As of 24 June 2020, the Trafford Coordination Centre will be closed. Cataract referrals are now to be sent DIRECT to the selected surgical provider using the ‘Cataract Referral form – November 2018 -amended’. **This is a temporary measure** while the LOC and Trafford CCG arrange to move the cataract referral over to Optomanager with PES.

**Surgical providers**

Referrals can be sent to :*(from a secure nhs.net account)*

MREH -Withington hospital: Mft.wch.admin@nhs.net

 Optegra : Fax: 01483 903099

 Spa Medica : Fax 0161 8351704

**Cataract referral criteria (GM EUR policy)**

**First eye**

**Eligibility is confirmed by meeting criteria number 1 AND criteria number 2 or 3**

**Criteria number 1**

• The patient desires surgery.

• The patient doesn’t have concomitant ocular disease where functional improvement is unlikely.

**Criteria number 2 (if met, eligibility is confirmed)**

* Best corrected visual acuity score is worse than 6/9

**Criteria number 3 (check if criteria number 2 isn’t met)**

* Visual acuity is 6/9 or better but patient reports excessive difficulty in twilight or dark conditions and the difficulty has been confirmed by a clinician to be the result of reduced contrast sensitivity

**AND** one of the following (with correction)

* Difficulty carrying out everyday tasks such as recognising faces, watching TV, reading, cooking, playing sport/cards etc.
* Reduced mobility, experiencing difficulties in driving, for example, due to glare, or experiencing difficulty with steps or uneven ground.
* Ability to work, give care or live independently is affected

**Second eye**

The referral criteria for second eye are:

• As above for first eye

**OR** any of the following:

• Where there are binocular considerations

• Where there is anisometropia

• Where there is disabling glare

**Instructions for optometrists in cases patient has cataract but isn’t at a level which meets eligibility criteria:**

Patients who are not referred for surgery should remain under the care of their primary care practitioner (GP, community ophthalmologist, optometrist) and be reassessed at one to two year intervals, as appropriate.