Ophthalmology Department

Low Vision Clinic

What is a low vision assessment?

The purpose of a low vision assessment is to work out the best way of using the vision of someone whose sight cannot be improved by medical treatment or ordinary spectacles. This is often achieved by the use of magnifying aids of some kind, by better use of lighting or by reducing the effects of glare.

What should I bring to the assessment?

Always bring your spectacles, even if you find them of little or no use, together with any magnifiers that you use or have been given in the past. It is a good idea to bring along examples of tasks that you are having difficulty with. This may be a particular size print or an activity such as sewing or knitting. Alternatively make a list of the things that you are having problems with.

Can I bring someone with me?

YES. We are very happy for you to bring a relative, friend, carer or your teacher if you are at school.

What happens during my visit?

A Low Vision Therapist will assess you and discuss the implications of your poor sight with you. After testing your vision he/she will suggest ways to improve your ability to read, write and undertake other activities that you may have difficulty with.

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If magnifying devices of some kind help, you will be shown the best way to use them and then loaned them for use at home. A recommendation to the relevant bodies will be given to you should you require aids solely for education or employment purposes. You may be given a further appointment so that the Low Vision Therapist can monitor your progress and discuss any problems that you have encountered.

Is there a charge?

There is no charge for the assessment or any aids issued to you provided that you are a registered NHS patient of the Eye Department at Acre Mill Outpatients Department or Calderdale Royal Hospital.

What if I need to cancel an appointment?

If you cancel an appointment we ask that you give us as much notice as possible.Should you experience difficulties using your low vision aid, simply ring the contact number and ask for your Low Vision Therapist who will be pleased to discuss the problem and/or arrange a further appointment.

Contact No.

Appointments only

(01484) 355370

If you have any comments about this leaflet or the service you have received you can contact :

Orthoptic Department

Telephone 01484 343237

If you would like this information in another format or language contact the above.

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