

A reminder that the current arrangement for URGENT referrals to Halifax and Huddersfield Hospitals is via NHS e-mail to cah-tr.referralsophthalmology@nhs.net,
Emergency Phone Numbers as follows:

North Kirklees Urgent referral emails should be directed to:
Myhtr.ophthalmologyacutemyht@nhs.net

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As practices were advised, if you do not have an NHS e-mail address in practice then the fall back arrangement remains to phone the hospital and give a printed copy of the referral to the patient to take to their appointment, or to A and E if necessary.

You may be aware of the National Strategy to encourage Optometry to use NHS e-mail for referrals into secondary care, and the desire of both the LOC and the hospitals to sort this out locally. Following on from my last e-mail advising of the FAX turn off at Huddersfield and Halifax hospitals, I have been asked to confirm which practices now have NHS e-mail addresses, either as a practice or as individuals within the practice.

1. Please could you advise me of the name of your practice, its NHS e-mail address.
2. The names of Practitioners within the practice who have NHS e-mail addresses and what the addresses are.

I will then be able to update our LOC database. As previously mentioned, these e-mail addresses will not be passed on to third parties other than the hospitals, and are only to be used for the secure exchange of clinical information.

Please note that LOCUMS may also apply for NHS e-mail.

A link is below which should make the process quick. Any problems, please contact the LOC Chair Graham Phipps on gbags@lineone.net.

Opticians can gain NHS. net email addresses by approaching nhs.net directly
- <https://portal.nhs.net/Help/joiningnhsmail>

Regards.

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