## Participating Practices





**4 Sight Eye Care**, 50 Park Mall, Saddlers Centre, WS1 1YS (01922 613433)

**Boots Opticians**, 198a High Street, Bloxwich, WS3 3LA (01922 475388)

**Boots Opticians**, 42 High Street, Brownhills, WS8 6EL (01543 372696)

**Colin Lee Opticians**, 21 Anchor Parade, Aldridge, WS9 8QP (01922 454151)

**Focus Eye Clinic**, 1 Corporation St, Walsall, WS1 4HR (01922 278099)

**G S Ganger Optician,** 81 Blackwood Road, Streetly, Sutton Coldfield, B74 3PW (0121 353 3918)

**Martin Wheeler Opticians**, 37a High Street, Pelsall, WS3 4LX (01922 683080)

**Moores Opticians**, 73 Bradford St, Walsall, WS1 3QD (01922 623469)

**P & J Hamer Optometrists**, 57 Portland Road, Aldridge, WS9 8NU

(01922 455664)

**Park Hall Opticians**, 15 Liskeard Road, Gillity Village, Park Hall, WS5 3EY (01922 614205)

**Pleck Eyecare Centre**, 252 Wednesbury Rd, Pleck, WS2 9QN (01922 616141)

**Samuels Opticians**, Darwall St, Walsall, WS1 1DA (01922 626500)

**Scrivens Opticians & Hearing Centre**, 45 Anchor Road, Aldridge, WS9 8PT (01922 452305)

**Silver Court Opticians**, High Street, Brownhills, WS8 6HA (01543 372504)

**Specsavers Opticians**, 135 High Street, Bloxwich, WS3 3LE (01922 400366)

**Specsavers Opticians**, 17 Park St, Walsall, WS1 1LY (01922 633390)

**Specsavers Opticians,** Unit 1, 12-28 High Street, Brownhills, WS8 6EQ

(01543 363790)

**Watts and Attewell Opticians**, 59 King Street, WS10 8DE (0121 526 6396)

**Minor**

**Eye**

**Problems?**

**If you have a recent eye problem**

**such as - Sore eyes, Red eyes or Visual disturbance, you can be seen by your**

**local Minor Eye Conditions Service!**

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

For out of area practices **see www.eyecarewm.co.uk**

## 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**

If you are unsure whether your symptoms can be assessed and treated by the service, please contact a participating optician who will advise you. 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 optical 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. Remember this appointment is at **no cost to you!**

## Who is this service for?

If you are registered with a local GP you can use this service. It is for people of all ages – adults and children. Children under 16 years must be accompanied at their appointment by an adult.

Check on [www.eyecarewm.co.uk](http://www.eyecarewm.co.uk) for GP areas

## 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.

**Don*’*t go to hospital,**

**ask your Optometrist**

