

## Information about your referral

**You are being referred in accordance with current guidance issued by the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE).**

In April 2009 NICE issued guidance to the NHS about conditions called Ocular Hypertension (OHT) and (suspected) Open Angle Glaucoma. This guidance requires special tests to be performed on any patient where the pressure in the eye is above a certain level as there is a small risk of developing glaucoma. These tests usually have to be done by a specialist at the hospital.

When the pressure in your eyes was measured today, it was found to be above that level and so, in accordance with the guidance and with your consent, your optometrist is going to write to your GP asking for a hospital appointment for you to have a further set of tests. Since your GP has notes on your medical history, it is possible that he/she may decide that a hospital appointment is not necessary in your case.

**There is a high probability that there is nothing wrong**, but the new NICE guidance aims to reduce the risk of serious vision loss even further and ensure that for the very small number of patients who have one of these conditions, it does not go undetected. Should your GP refer you to the hospital and the further tests show that there is a problem, successful treatment is available.