

For any eye problem your first port of call should be an optometrist. An optometrist is the best person to assess urgent eye problems, check for eye disorders and treat eye conditions. They have the professional training and necessary equipment to assess most eye problems and will refer you to see a specialist when necessary. All appointments are NHS funded.

This service can be used for any concerns you may have with the health of your eyes including (but not limited to):

Red eye(s)	Something in your eye
Sore eye(s)	Eye infections
Deterioration of eyesight	Other disturbance of eyesight
Cataracts	Scratched eye(s)

If you already have your own optometrist you should contact them in the first instance as having previous clinical records is very useful.

If you do not already have an optometrist there is a list of those in the local area on the back of this sheet. Please contact them and they will arrange to see you. You can also choose to visit any optometrist providing NHS services for treatment.

Note that when you contact the optometrist of your choice their staff will assess your symptoms and offer you an appropriate appointment. The time you will have to wait will depend on the severity and duration of your symptoms. Emergency problems will be seen quickly. If your problem is urgent and they cannot manage to see you they will find someone who can.

After the appointment they may send you to a local pharmacy or request a prescription from your GP for appropriate medication or, if necessary, refer you to a hospital specialist. A report will be sent to your GP so they have a complete record.

Lothian Eye Health Network Practices – SOUTH WEST EDINBURGH

20/20 Opticians
139 Gorgie Road
Edinburgh
EH11 1TH
0131 346 8102

20/20 Opticians
348 Gorgie Road
Edinburgh
EH11 2RQ
0131 622 2222

Clearvue Opticians
60 Bryce Road
Currie
EH14 5LD
0131 449 6889

Colinton Opticians
56 Bridge Road
Colinton
Edinburgh
EH13 OLQ
0131 441 5441

J G S Brown
Wester Hailes Shopping
Centre
Edinburgh
EH14 2SW
0131 442 2333

Margaret Best Optometrist
587A Lanark Road
Juniper Green
EH14 5DA
0131 458 5888