

Visual Field Tests

An information guide



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The doctor has asked for a Visual Field Examination before seeing you in clinic. This test will tell us how much all-round vision you have. This is a routine test and there is no need for concern if you are asked to do one.

Your visual field can be divided into two parts. The central straightforward vision and the outside peripheral vision. These are measured on a computerised machine called the Humphrey visual field analyser.

The test is not difficult and will be done by a specialist ophthalmic nurse. They will explain the procedure to you and answer any questions you may have about the test.

During the test, keeping your head as still as possible, you will be asked to focus one eye on a yellow light inside the machine. An eye patch will cover the other eye when this happens.

Lights of varying brightness are flashed onto the screen and you will be asked to press a response button each time you see one. Some of these lights will be very dim.

It is quite normal to feel that you have missed one, or cannot see anything at all. This procedure is measuring the sensitivity of your eye.

The test usually takes up to 10 minutes per eye. If you have a recent glasses prescription from your optician, please bring this with you.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact us.

Contact Numbers

The Royal Oldham Hospital, Oldham

A&E Department - 0161 627 8933

Friday 5pm until Monday 9am

Oldham Integrated Care Centre Eye Clinic -0161 621 3721

Monday – Friday 9am - 4.30pm

Rochdale Infirmary, Rochdale

Eye Clinic - 01706 901757

Monday - Friday 9am until 5pm.

Eye Ward - 01706 901765

Monday - Friday 8am until 8pm (answer machine after 8pm)

Urgent Care Centre - 01706 517005

Monday - Friday after 8pm. Friday 8pm until Monday 9am

Fairfield General, Bury

A&E Department - 0161 778 2600

Monday - Friday after 8pm. Friday 8pm until Monday 8am

Eye Ward and Clinic - same contact details as Rochdale Infirmary

Tameside Hospital Foundation Trust

A&E Department - 0161 922 6000

Available 24 hours

Eye secretary - 0161 331 6388

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