

Have you got an urgent eye problem?

Ask your GP to refer you to the Acute Primary Care Ophthalmology Service (APCOS) – and be seen by a specialist within a couple of days.

APCOS is available to anyone registered with a West Kent GP. It is designed for recently occurring symptoms relating to your eyes or vision, such as:

- Sudden and recent reduction in vision in one or both eyes
- Red eye(s) or eyelids
- Pain and/or discomfort in the eyes
- Recent onset or sudden increase in flashes and/or floaters in one of both eyes
- Mild trauma, for example a scratch to the outer surface of the eye or eyelid
- Suspected foreign body in the eye
- Recent onset of double vision
- Significant recent discharge from or watering of the eye.

If you have any of the following conditions, you should go directly to the nearest A&E.

- Sudden loss of vision in one or both eyes
- Considerable pain
- Significant trauma, such as penetrating injury
- Chemical injury or burn
- Problems arising from recent eye surgery.

Conditions already being monitored by the hospital eye service or your GP such as cataracts, glaucoma or dry eye, are not covered by APCOS.