

Pathway:	Blepharitis
Referral Criteria/Commissioning position:	
<p><i>Urgent admission if:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • orbital cellulitis is suspected (person is systemically unwell, tender sinuses, restriction of eye movement) <p><i>Referral to secondary care in the following instances if:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • there is evidence of corneal disease • vision deteriorates • there is moderate or severe pain • the diagnosis is uncertain • associated disease, for example Sjögren’s syndrome or eyelid deformities, requires specialist management <p>Red Flags include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • persistent localised disease or resistance to treatment • marked eyelid asymmetry <p>Investigations prior to referral</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
Information to include in referral letter:	
<p><i>The GP referral letter should contain:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant past medical/surgical history • Drug history (prescribed and non-prescribed) • Relevant past medical/surgical history • Current regular medication • BMI • Smoking status • Alcohol consumption 	
References & Additional information:	
<p>Blepharitis: www.patient.co.uk/health/blepharitis-leaflet</p> <p>NICE guidance: http://cks.nice.org.uk/blepharitis</p> <p>For the full SRCCG commissioning policy please click here</p>	
CCG GP sign off:	SRCCG Business Committee (Delegated to Dr Greg Black)
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