

ADVICE TO OPHTHALMOLOGY PATIENTS **IN VIEW OF CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC**

1. Any patient who needs emergency care should either contact their GP or go to the A&E at Noble's or the Minor Injury Unit at Ramsey. The GP or the attending A&E doctor will then contact the on-call Ophthalmologist for advice.
2. All non-urgent scheduled eye clinic appointments are deferred. This is being done on the basis of clinical need.
3. Our doctors and nurses are reviewing each patient's requirement individually. This is to minimize the number of people travelling to a clinic and to ensure that we are using NHS staff and resources wisely.
4. Someone from Noble's Hospital will contact you about your cancellation.
5. Those patients who need to be seen in the Eye Department will have their appointments spaced to minimise patient to patient contact.
6. In the out-patient waiting area, the chairs have been arranged to minimize the proximity of patients.
7. All non-urgent elective surgical procedures are cancelled until further notice.
8. ARMD Service will continue for the time being.
9. Due to reduction in general elective care activity, the number of ARMD clinic sessions carried out at Nobles will be increased. This is to allow sufficient spacing between patients to reduce patient to patient contact.
10. All patients are requested not to attend more than 10 minutes before their clinic appointment.