

Changes we want to make to where you can have eye surgery



Easy read booklet

Who we are and what this booklet is about



We are **NHS North Central London ICB**. **ICB** stands for **Integrated Care Board**. **Integrated Care Board** means we plan how the NHS gives care to people.



We want to make some changes to where you can have **eye surgery** in **North Central London**.



Eye surgery is when doctors try to fix your eye. This sometimes means cutting into your eye or the skin near your eye.



North Central London means the areas of Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Haringey and Islington.



This booklet tells you about the changes we want to make and how you can tell us what you think.

Where you can have eye surgery now



In North Central London you can have eye surgery at

- Royal Free Hospital in Camden.
- Edgware Community Hospital in Barnet.
- Chase Farm Hospital in Enfield.
- North Middlesex University Hospital in Haringey.
- Whittington Hospital in Islington.
- Moorfields Eye Hospital in Islington.
- Moorfields Eye Unit at St Anne's Hospital in Haringey.
- Moorfields Eye Unit at Potters Bar Community Hospital in Hertfordshire.
- Independent hospitals that do eye surgeries for the NHS.



Changes we want to make



We want to make some changes to where you can have eye surgery in **North Central London**.



We want Edgware Community Hospital to be where most adults have simple eye surgery.



No one would go to Whittington Hospital for eye surgery.



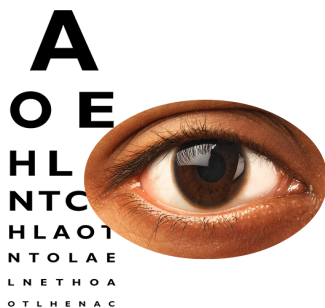
Less people would go to Royal Free Hospital and Chase Farm Hospital for eye surgery.



People would still go to Chase Farm Hospital and Royal Free Hospital for more difficult eye surgery.

Eye surgeries will still happen at

- Moorfields Eye Unit at St Ann's Hospital in Haringey.
- Moorfields Eye Unit at Potters Bar Community Hospital in Hertfordshire.
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We will not make any changes to where you go for eye tests or appointments.



You could still choose what hospital you want to go to for appointments before and after eye surgery.

Why we want to make changes



We want more people to be able to have eye surgery in North Central London.



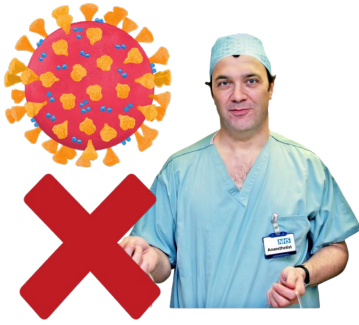
We do not want people to wait a long time to have eye surgery.



If people have to wait a long time for eye surgery, their eye health could get worse.



They might find it hard to work or be with their friends and family.



The COVID-19 pandemic meant lots of people could not have eye surgery or had to wait a long time.



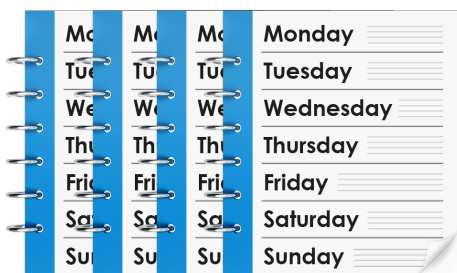
Many of these people still need eye surgery.



The changes we want to make would mean some people do not have to wait as long to have eye surgery.



Lots of people have told us they would go to a hospital further away if they could have surgery sooner.



Our changes would mean some people could have eye surgery 4 weeks sooner.

Tell us what you think



We want to know what you think about the changes we want to make.



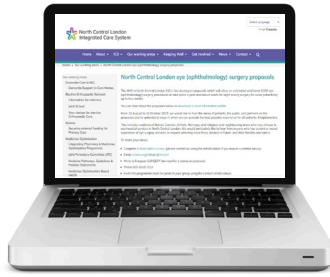
We wrote some questions for you to answer in a survey.



You can answer our survey from **21 August 2023** to **16 October 2023**.



Please let us know if you need any help to answer our survey.



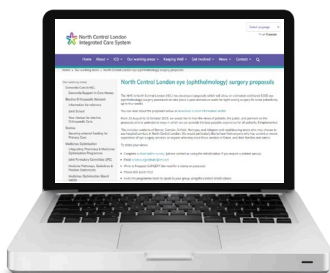
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