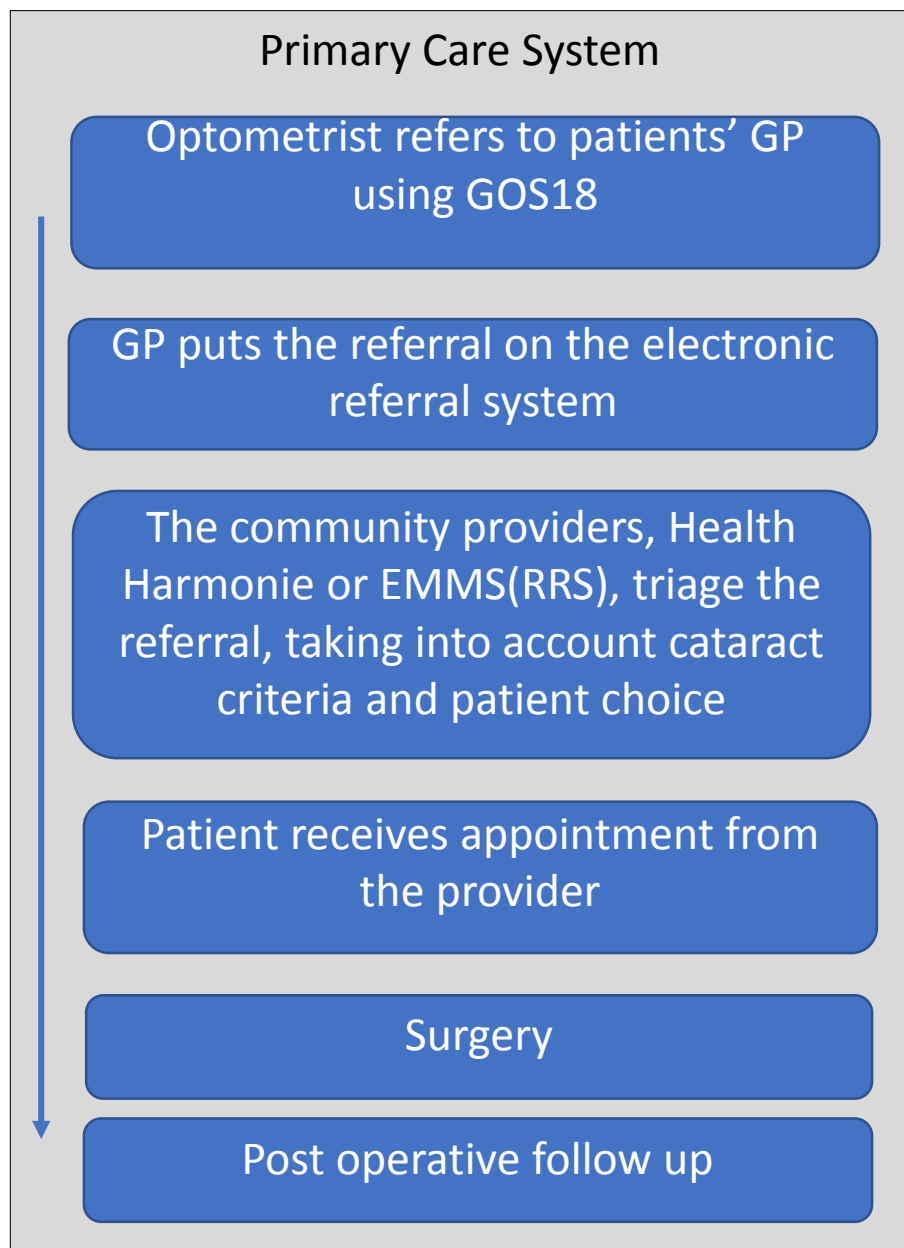


Nottingham Cataract pathway



The referral from the optometrist **must use a GOS18** and refer through the patients' GP. It cannot be direct to a secondary care provider.

If referred direct the patient does not have choice of provider or waiting list time, the CCG may not fund the operation and there have been instances where patients have been referred inappropriately to providers e.g. other non-eye related complex needs which the provider only picked up on the day and cancelled the patient.

The community provider, HH or EMMS, triage for the correct pathway. In the situation where patients have several ocular conditions they will refer to secondary care for the cataract(s) and into the community/or secondary care for the other condition.

Currently the community provider does a clinical review of the cataract referral, plus will have a conversation regarding patient choice..

Patients with no complications who meet the inclusion criteria are seen by the community providers.