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Contact Lens Charges Explained

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Dacă aveți nevoie de această broșură într-o altă limbă sau într-un format accesibil, vă rog să discutați cu un membru al personalului să se ocupe de acest lucru pentru dumneavoastră

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Who is eligible for contact lenses?

The Optometry Department at St Helens Hospital provides a specialist contact lens service. This is for patients who have a medical need for contact lenses. Examples include some corneal problems, very high prescriptions and protective “bandage” or prosthetic lenses. The hospital will assess your eligibility.

How do I obtain contact lenses?

You will be assessed in the Contact Lens clinic by an Optometrist. The lens type will be selected according to your medical need. You will also receive instruction on how to look after the lenses.

Typically, specialist contact lenses are made to order. They may take some time to be manufactured and you may require a separate appointment to have the lenses issued.

How much do I pay for contact lenses?

There is a charge for contact lenses supplied by hospital eye clinics. This charge is set nationally by the Department of Health each year. Current charges are as follows:

£61.77 per lens (6 months supply)
£123.54 per pair (6 months supply)

NB Spare lenses or replacements for lost or broken/damaged lenses will be charged as above. There are no exemptions from charges for spare lenses or lenses which have been lost or broken/damaged.

How do I pay for my lenses?

Payments can be made by cash, cheque debit or credit card to General office at St Helens Hospital in person or pay over the telephone on 0151 705 7426.

Who is exempt from charges?

The following patients do not have to pay for contact lenses:

1. Those with bandage or non sighted prosthetic/occlusive lenses
2. Children under 16, or over 16 but under 19 in full time education
3. Patients requiring a clinical change in contact lenses where a payment has been made within the last year. Patients who receive (or whose partner receives) one of the following benefits:
 - Income support
 - Employment & support allowance (income based)
 - Job seekers allowance (income based)
 - Pension credit (but only those receiving the guarantee credit element)
 - Universal credit and meet the criteria
5. Those named on a valid HC2 certificate
6. Those entitled to or named on a valid NHS tax credit exemption certificate.

Valid proof of eligibility will be required at the time of collection.

Contact Lens Solutions

At your first appointment, you will be given a starter pack of contact lens solutions, along with advice on where these can be purchased. If you are aged over 60 or under 19, have non powered lenses (cosmetic/prosthetic) or are in receipt of benefits, you will be supplied solutions by St Helens Hospital.