



# Vitreoretinal emergency (VRE) clinic

Welcome to the VRE clinic. We hope that this leaflet answers many of the questions you might have, but please feel free to call us if there is anything else you need to ask. Our telephone number is 020 7566 2593.

### Opening hours:

Monday- Friday: 8.30am-1.00pm  
Saturday, Sunday and bank holidays: 7.30am-5.00pm.

### Theatre list times

Monday -Thursday: 1.30pm-7.30 pm  
Friday: 1.30pm-6.00pm  
Saturday, Sunday and bank holidays: 9am- 5.30pm

### Waiting times

The VRE clinic is a highly specialised service, accepting referrals from all over the country. Due to some patients requiring surgery on the same day they are referred to the clinic, we cannot operate on a first-come, first-served policy. The length of time you may have to wait for treatment will depend on how many patients need to be treated and the seriousness of your condition. Please note, if your condition can be

treated by laser, you will need to wait until all patients have been seen and diagnosed.

### Primary care and follow-up patients

You may be discharged after your first visit, but you might need a further appointment in the Moorfields' outpatient VR clinic. Details of follow-up appointments will be posted to you.

### Surgery patients

The order of the operating list is decided by your priority of need for surgery, which can change throughout the day. All patients are referred to as an 'emergency' – however your surgeon will decide whether the operation needs to be done immediately, or whether it can wait. Moorfields is a day surgery hospital, so you should be discharged home on the same day – but you may need to return the next morning for a review to check that everything is okay.

Operations can be done under local or general anaesthetic:

- **Local anaesthetic** patients can eat and drink as normal and take regular

