





**- If the test is negative** (this means you are not pregnant) we will tell you the result in private and record it in your health record.

**-If the test is positive** (this means you are pregnant) we will talk to you and support you. The anaesthetist and surgeon will decide whether your operation will go ahead or whether it should be postponed. If **you** would like to tell your parents or carers we can help you. If **we** need to tell your parents or carers we will explain to you why this is needed before we talk to them. For example, if you are under 16 years old we will need to contact services local to where you live to help and support you. This may include your GP, school nurse or social services (a service that can make sure you are safe and looked after). We will always talk to you about this before we contact them.

### **Why has Moorfields introduced this pregnancy testing for all girls aged 12 years and over?**

This was introduced following advice from national healthcare organisations including the National Institute for Clinical Excellence (NICE) and the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RPCPH) to make surgical care safer.

Author: Paediatric information group  
Revision number: 1  
Approval date: September 2019  
Review date: September 2022

**Moorfields Eye Hospital NHS Foundation Trust**  
**City Road, London EC1V 2PD**  
**Phone: 020 7253 3411**

[www.moorfields.nhs.uk](http://www.moorfields.nhs.uk)

### **Moorfields Direct telephone helpline**

Phone: 020 7566 2345  
Monday-Friday, 8.30am-9pm  
Saturday, 9am-5pm  
Information and advice on eye conditions and treatments from experienced ophthalmic-trained nurses.

### **Patient advice and liaison service (PALS)**

Phone: 020 7566 2324/ 020 7566 2325  
Email: [moorfields.pals@nhs.net](mailto:moorfields.pals@nhs.net)  
Moorfields' PALS team provides confidential advice and support to help you with any concerns you may have about the care we provide, guiding you through the different services available at Moorfields. The PALS team can also advise you on how to make a complaint.

### **Your right to treatment within 18 weeks**

Under the NHS constitution, all patients have the right to begin consultant-led treatment within 18 weeks of being referred by their GP. Moorfields is committed to fulfilling this right, but if you feel that we have failed to do so, please contact our patient advice and liaison service (PALS) who will be able to advise you further (see above). For more information about your rights under the NHS constitution, visit [www.nhs.uk/choiceinthenhs](http://www.nhs.uk/choiceinthenhs)

