Certain conditions are not appropriate for MECS. Please ensure that you are familiar with these and ask the optometrist if in doubt. If the patient is feeling generally unwell ask them to seek medical advice or discuss with the optometrist at the time of booking.

The following guidance should be followed unless the optometrist advises otherwise in an individual case. Complete all 3 sections if you do not have an appointment available you must find the patient an appointment elsewhere.

Is the patient's GP surgery in catchment area for the scheme? If no - Not eligible for MECS

Is it a CL related problem? If so, is the patient from your practice? If yes - Not eligible for MECS - Follow practice protocol

Tell patient: You have been booked a "Minor Eye Condition" appointment; your pupils may be dilated and should not drive afterwards until you are happy your vision is OK. If your symptoms get considerably worse before your appointment call the optometry practice again or, if unavailable, your GP or GP Out-of-Hours service. If no other advice is available go to A & E.