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Barnsley Eye Health



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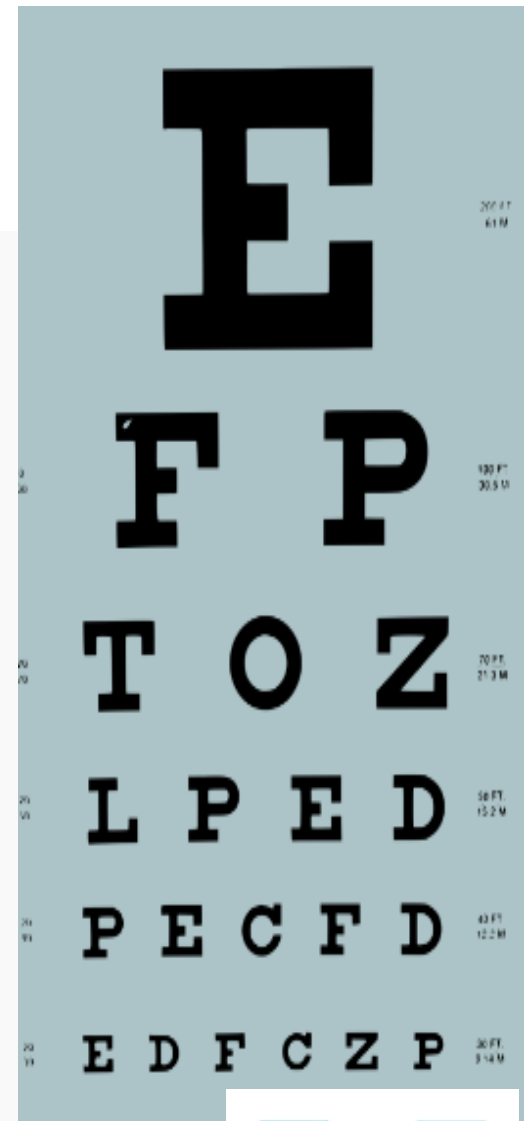
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Sight Test Provision

Over 19 million sight tests carried out each year in England and about 13 million of these are NHS funded (GOS contract)

GOS sight tests are in place to investigate patients with visual complaints that relate to defects of sight caused by refractive error

Any patient with symptoms relating to their vision, such as



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Optometry First , Minor Eye Conditions (MECS)



Who Can Refer ?

- 1. Self referral
- 2. Pharmacist
- 3. GP
- 4. Other AHP
- 5. Non-accredited optometrist



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Compared with benchmark

Better
Similar
Worse
Lower
Similar
Higher
Not compared

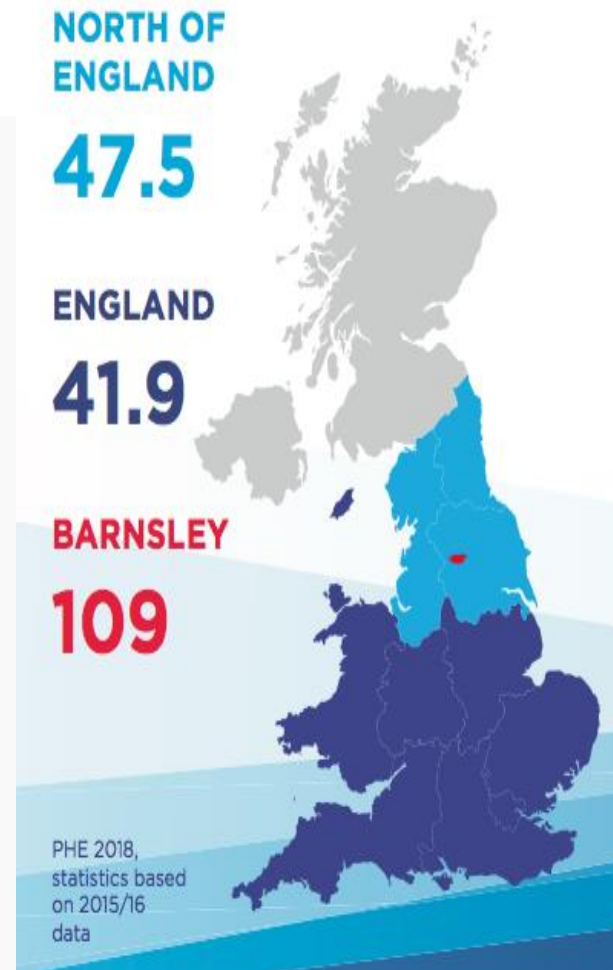
Indicator	Period	England	Yorkshire and the Humber region	Barnsley	Bradford	Calderdale	Doncaster	East Riding of Yorkshire	Kingston upon Hull	Kirklees	Leeds	North East Lincolnshire	North Lincolnshire	North Yorkshire	Rotherham	Sheffield	Wakefield	York
4.12i - Preventable sight loss - age related macular degeneration (AMD)	2016/17	111.3	123.7*	299.9	119.2	108.2	84.1	96.0	181.7	136.7	119.5	50.8	31.6	107.4	202.1	145.6	91.8	88.0
4.12ii - Preventable sight loss - glaucoma	2016/17	13.1	12.5*	28.2	9.3	10.9	9.5	13.7	13.7	23.8	11.8	*	*	9.0	17.4	14.3	15.2	*
4.12iii - Preventable sight loss - diabetic eye disease	2016/17	3.1	2.6*	9.2	4.1	*	2.7	1.7	3.6	4.3	2.0	*	*	1.7	3.6	2.6	2.1	*
4.12iv - Preventable sight loss - sight loss certifications	2016/17	42.4	45.8*	90.8	44.2	53.4	31.3	48.6	52.3	54.0	41.4	25.8	12.3	43.6	63.0	49.4	38.3	27.8



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- The statistics for preventable sight loss in Barnsley are the **worst in the country**
- The figures opposite are calculated in numbers per 100,000 population



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Barnsley's Eye Health Leaflet

The Rotherham and Barnsley Local Optical Committee
has developed an awareness raising leaflet with support
from Barnsley local Public Health Department, to highlight
the issue and reduce the risks around

PREVENTABLE SIGHT LOSS



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FREE NHS Eye Tests

You may be entitled to FREE NHS Eye Tests if you are:

- 65 years or over
- Under 16, or under 19 and in full-time education
- You or your partner receive benefits and you are entitled to or named on a valid NHS concessionary certificate, or are named on a valid HC2 certificate
- You have diabetes or glaucoma
- You are aged 40 or over and have a close relative with glaucoma
- You are registered blind or partially sighted
- You are entitled to vouchers for complex lenses



Prescriptions may change over time. Speak to your optician if you think you may qualify for FREE eye tests before booking your appointment.

Home Visits



If you can't leave home unaccompanied because of a physical or mental illness or disability, you may be entitled to a **home visit** where an Optometrist comes to your home, residential care home, or day centre. Ask your Optician for advice.

Optician First Minor Eye Conditions

Some Opticians provide appointments during normal working hours, and some offer weekend appointments. The Optician will assess and treat the condition, or make a referral where appropriate.

Minor conditions include:

- Dry eye, gritty and uncomfortable eyes
- Something in the eye
- Irritation and inflammation of the eye
- Significant recent sticky discharge from the eye, or a watery eye
- Painful eye
- In-growing eyelashes

FREE

Instead of waiting for a GP appointment or attending A&E for minor eye conditions, you can make an appointment with a local participating Optician and be seen within one or two working days.



Barnsley Eye Health

It's important for people of all ages to have regular eye checks.

Read this leaflet to find out why.

Parents - make sure you get your children's eyes checked too.



Leaflet funded by Barnsley and Rotherham Local Optical Committee and developed in conjunction with Barnsley Council's Adult Joint Commissioning Public Health Team.



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Public Health England reports on a range of health indicators and ranks them across England.

The statistics for preventable sight loss in Barnsley (Sight Loss Certification) are the worst in the country.

The figures below are calculated in numbers per 100,000 population.

NORTH OF ENGLAND

47.5

ENGLAND

41.9

BARNSLEY

109

PHE 2018, statistics based on 2015/16 data

Don't be a Statistic

Over two million people in the UK live with sight loss. 50% of cases are avoidable.

By 2050, this will double to nearly four million. The RNIB estimates 7,510 people in Barnsley were living with sight loss in 2016 and predict 8,160 by 2020 and 10,450 by 2030.

Research shows the following things will keep your eyes as healthy as possible and reduce the risk of developing an eye condition.



Regular Eye Tests

Everyone should have their eyes checked at least **once every two years**, even if there is no change in your vision.

An eye examination can often pick up the first signs of an eye condition before you notice any changes in vision. This can lead to you getting treatment which could save your sight

There are lots of Opticians in Barnsley. You can find a list of them by visiting the NHS Choices online at www.nhs.uk

You have a choice of Opticians to go to, and you may choose the one which you think best suits your needs.



RNIB, 2018 (www.rnib.org.uk)



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What Can The Pharmacy Community Do To Help?



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