



## Tameside and Glossop North West Macular Service Patient information

Welcome to the North West Macular Service. Rated as 'Outstanding' by the CQC, we specialise in the treatment of suspected AMD (age-related macular degeneration), providing services in Greater Manchester and Lancashire.

Previously, Tameside and Glossop patients have faced considerable delay and travel in accessing AMD treatment, but with our state-of-the-art mobile clinic, we are bringing this life-changing and outstanding service closer to you.

### What is AMD?

AMD is a painless eye condition that causes you to lose central vision, usually in both eyes. Central vision is what you use when you read and look at faces.

In AMD, central vision becomes increasingly blurred, which means:

- reading becomes difficult
- colours appear less vibrant
- faces become difficult to recognise

This can result in a significant loss of vision and in some cases can lead to blindness.

More than 20,000 patients are diagnosed each year with the condition in the UK.

The good news is that, with rapid diagnosis and treatment, deterioration can usually be stopped in its tracks, and often vision may be restored. Our results are the best in the UK and we provide support as well as treatment.

## Locations

We use a highly-equipped mobile clinic to ensure as many people as possible have access to the treatment they need. In Tameside and Glossop we are located on Fleet Street West Car Park OL6 7FW next to Hugh Mason House.



## Parking and bus information

This is a pay and display car park. Please ask the unit for a complimentary parking pass when arriving by car. Nearest bus stops:  
Old Street buses 330, 335, 345 - six minutes walk  
Cavendish Street bus 216 - six minutes walk  
Chester Square buses 219, 397 - five minutes walk

## How to be referred?

If you are from the Tameside and Glossop area you can be directly referred to us if you need AMD treatment. We aim to see all patients within 48 hours of referral and as a result, our patients achieve exceptional outcomes.

If you are from outside the area you may still be able to be treated by us. If you are suffering from AMD or have suspected AMD, simply speak to your GP or optometrist who will contact us directly.

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