## **Ophthalmology – Information for attending appointments**

We advise patients not to drive when their pupils are dilated. These drops can last 3-4 hours and sometimes longer. Dilating drops such as cyclopentolate or atropine can also be used as treatment for many conditions e.g. iritis, trauma and post-operatively as well as for retinal assessment.

If you have organised an appointment for a patient please ensure they are aware they may be dilated and advise them to use alternative transport.

Please also ask patients to bring their glasses, current medications and current eye drops with them to their appointment. This is especially important if it is an emergency appointment as the patient notes may not be immediately available.