

Eye Clinic contact details

Telephone: 01483 464080
Monday–Friday, 9am–5pm

PALS and Advocacy contact details

Contact details of independent advocacy services can be provided by our Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) who are located on the right hand side as you enter the main reception area. PALS are also your first point of contact for health related issues, questions or concerns surrounding RSCH patient services.

Telephone: 01483 402757

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If you would like information documents in large print, on tape or in another language or form please contact PALS.

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Herpes Zoster (shingles)

Eye Department



Patient information leaflet

What causes Herpes Zoster?

Herpes Zoster (shingles) is caused by the chicken pox virus. The virus stays in the body and can become active again, many years later, and can cause shingles.

Symptoms

These include a painful rash affecting one side of the face and scalp.

If the eye is affected it can cause redness, soreness and blurred vision.

Treatment

Herpes zoster (shingles) is treated with antiviral tablets.

If the eye is involved it can take a long time to resolve. You may need strong painkillers from your doctor as this condition can be very painful. It can take several weeks for the rash to disappear.

You must not share flannels or towels whilst you have the rash, as shingles is infectious and you can pass the chicken pox virus on to others.

Further advice and instructions

Reference source:

www.nhs.uk/conditions/shingles

If you are worried or concerned about your symptoms please telephone the Eye Clinic on

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