

PATIENT INFORMATION

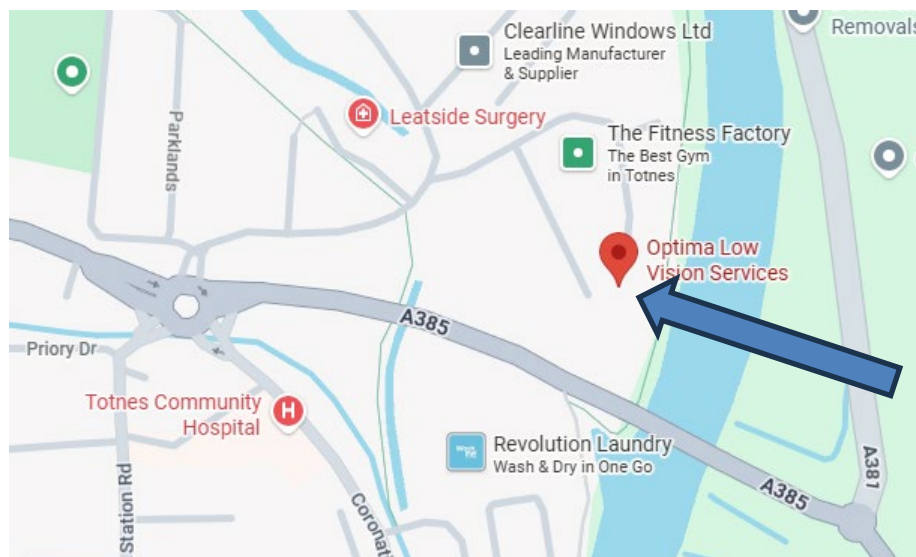
Low Vision Service - Adults

A low vision assessment aims to evaluate the person's vision and provide recommendations, including assessment for low vision magnifiers and aids, with the aim to maximise remaining vision. You do not need to be registered sight impaired or severely sight impaired to be seen in the low vision clinic.

What will happen at my low vision assessment?

You will be seen by an optician in the low vision clinic at:

Optima, Industrial Estate, 1 Ford Rd, Totnes TQ9 5LQ



The optician will ask questions about your vision and how it impacts on your daily life. This is to understand the difficulties you are facing due to your vision, to help them tailor the low vision aid to your needs.

The optician will assess your vision using a range of tests including letter chart, reading and contrast vision.

Appointments will last about 1 hour. You are welcome to bring someone with you to your appointment. You will be advised by the optician if you require a follow up appointment.

Will I be given low vision devices (magnifiers)?

During the appointment the optician will assess whether low vision aids will be beneficial. If they are indicated they will be issued to you on permanent loan, free of charge.

Low vision aids include a range of magnifiers; handheld, stand, illuminated, spectacle mounted as well as monoculars and binoculars. Devices will be provided with batteries if needed; additional batteries are not provided. You will be shown how to replace the batteries at your appointment.

Spare magnifiers are not provided on loan. You can purchase these if you wish.

Electronic devices are not supplied by the low vision service, but a number of devices will be available for demonstration should you wish to look at these.

What should I bring to my LVA appointment?

Please bring any pair of glasses or magnifiers that you are currently using or that have previously been prescribed to you. *Please remember to return any devices that you no longer use.*

It can be useful to bring examples of things that you are struggling with, eg books, sheet music, medicine labels, etc.

What should I do if my low vision device is lost or broken?

Please contact the low vision service via contact details below and we will look into replacing the device. If you have not been seen in the low vision service for over a year, you will be booked in for another low vision appointment for further assessment before replacing your magnifier.

CONTACT

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