



Spire

Little Aston Hospital

# Ophthalmologist newsletter



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## Your Primary Care Manager – Louise Downie



Hi everyone, I want to introduce myself, my name is Louise Downie and I am Spire Little Aston Hospital's Primary Care Manager. I'm here to assist and support you on how to access our services, whether that is our educational events, making referrals or answering any questions you or your patients may have. If I can be of any assistance to you and your team feel free to contact me.

I would also like to take a moment and thank you for your referrals to the Spire Eye Centre which is based at Little Aston Hospital. We remain committed in putting the needs of your patients first, delivering high-quality, patient focused healthcare.

As March approaches, I am happy to share with you our upcoming virtual ophthalmic education events which can all be viewed and booked [here](#). All events hosted by Spire Little Aston offer CPD points, certificate and reflective notes.

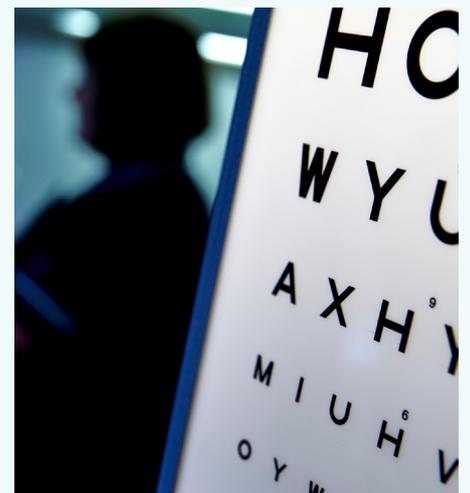
I am really looking forward to continue working with you in 2022 and hopefully seeing you again either virtually or in person!

Thank you, Louise

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## Welcome to Spire Eye Centre (SEC)



My name is Steph White and I am the Clinical Nurse Manager at our state-of-the-art eye centre here at Little Aston Hospital.

We are made up of five admin staff and eight ophthalmic nurses, providing ophthalmic testing and services.

Our stand alone department has facilities including, a minor ops room to provide treatments for chalazion removal, canthal slings, upper blepharoplasty's, Intravitreal injections, and many other services.

We also have a dedicated laser room for Yag, SLT and argon laser treatments. Two diagnostics rooms for visual fields and OCT scanning, we also have an Oculus and Wavefront.

We provide consultant-led services covering all types of eye conditions including; glaucoma, AMD, diabetic retinopathy, cataract surgery, stent/shunt insertion as well as all vitreoretinal surgery, including; macular holes, epiretinal membranes, vitreomacular traction and full treatment of symptomatic eye floaters.

The pre-op assessment for local anaesthetic cataract surgery is conducted at time of initial appointment in the eye centre by one of our eye centre nurses. Allowing us to provide a one stop service, giving our patients everything they need all on the same day.

If you have any queries, whether its patient related or referral related, either myself or my team will be able to assist you.

## Your ophthalmology partner

We know that you insist on the highest standards of care for the patients who put their trust in you, and you can be sure that our team will continue that care. For us it's more than just treating patients, it's about giving patients, their family and friends the most positive experience we can at our hospital.

### Why choose Spire Eye Centre for your patients?

- Our Consultants are recognised as experts in their field and a treatment plan for your patient is usually possible at the first consultation
- Your patient has the ability to choose their preferred consultant, who they will see from the very first consultation, throughout their treatment and during their aftercare
- Appointments are available quickly, often on the same day
- Both insured patients or those paying for their own treatment are welcome
- We are proud to have a '**Good**' CQC rating, reflecting our high standards in care



## Join us for our educational events

We're committed to delivering a year round programme of educational events for local optometrists. Our aim is to deliver high quality education across a range of topics, to ensure you are fully up to date with the latest treatment methods; know exactly when to refer your patients and of course receive CPD points.

Each session takes place at Spire Little Aston Hospital or virtually via Zoom and is hosted by a consultant ophthalmologist with a specialist interest in the covered topic.

Upcoming events will also be listed on our dedicated events page on our website [here](#) where you can book on directly.



## Spire Connect



Spire Connect is a patient e-referral portal that offers all healthcare professionals a fast, easy and fully secure way to refer patients to Spire Little Aston Hospital.

Ophthalmologists, GPs, practice staff as well as other healthcare professionals can refer those who:

- Have private health insurance
- Want to opt for one of Spire's self-pay treatments
- Would like to see experienced, specialist consultants

### Spire Connect

- Provides you with an email confirmation once your referral is submitted and processed
- Allows you to send patient notes in a convenient format
- Stores an up-to-date list of consultants and specialties at your local Spire Healthcare hospital
- Allows you to review your submitted referral and patient notes
- Saves you time and paper

I would be delighted to demonstrate the benefits of Spire Connect, to show you its ease of use and its useful features including specialty look up.

For more information on Spire Connect, visit [here](#) or call 07512 630 699 If you're new to Spire Connect, **register** today.

## It's easy to refer your patients

### Self-pay patients

Simply write a referral letter and send it securely via Spire Connect. Our consultants ask that you send a referral letter with all patients referrals please.

Alternatively, patients can book their appointment directly with the Spire Eye Centre with a consultant of their choosing by calling 0121 580 7119.

### Insured patients

Simply send your referral fast and securely via Spire Connect. Patients will need contact their insurance company to arrange pre-approval, before booking their appointment directly with the Spire Eye Centre. We work with all leading health insurers.

### NHS

At present, we do not offer NHS services

## Patient finance options

We can provide guidance regarding finance options for patients wishing to spread the cost of their treatment. We've partnered with Omni Capital Retail Finance to make treatment more affordable by spreading the costs.

### Benefits of an Omni Finance medical loan:

- Most applications are approved immediately so treatment can start quickly
- We offer 10 months interest free financing, or higher interest bearing loans if the patient wishes to spread payments over 12 months or more
- Money loaned from Omni Capital is paid directly to your chosen Spire Hospital for ease
- Online help includes a loan calculator and eligibility checker on the Spire website [here](#)

## Our Consultant Ophthalmologists

All our ophthalmologists have dedicated profile pages and can be found [here](#). Guide prices for various treatments are also visible online along with finance payment plans.



**Mr Maghizh Anandan**

Click [here](#).



**Mr Daniel Calladine**

Click [here](#).



**Mr Kam Balaggan**

Click [here](#).



**Mr Imran Masood**

Click [here](#).

*Looking after you.*

## Our Consultant Ophthalmologists



**Ms Faye Mellington**

Click [here](#).



**Ms Rupal Morjaria**

Click [here](#).



**Mr Aidan Murray**

Click [here](#).



**Mr Manoj Parulekar**

Click [here](#).



**Mr Thomas Ressiniotis**

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**Professor Peter Shah**

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**Mr Ramesh Sivaraj**

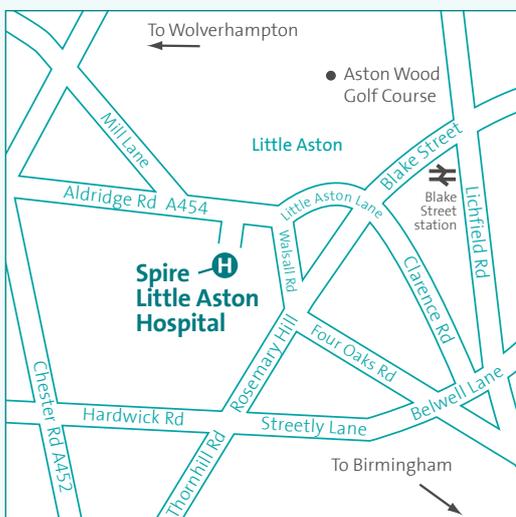
Click [here](#).



**Mr Ajai Tyagi**

Click [here](#).

Our full directory for all our consultants practicing at Spire Little Aston can be viewed [here](#).



### Your local private hospital

#### Spire Eye Centre

#### Spire Little Aston Hospital

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#### For more information

Search 'Spire Little Aston Hospital'  
Call 0121 580 7171

### We can't wait to look after your patients!

Thank you for taking the time to read through our newsletter, if you have any queries, questions or feedback please feel free to get in touch with Louise email: [louise.downie@spirehealthcare.com](mailto:louise.downie@spirehealthcare.com)