


PRACTICES PROVIDING SLIT LAMP

All = Practice provides slit lamp to all patients

☼ = Slit lamp examination possible in most wheelchairs – please check with the practice

BOURNEMOUTH AREA	(01202)	
Boots Opticians (formerly D & A) 288A Wallisdown Rd, Wallisdown BH11 8PN	515024	☼
Classic Eyes 55 Bourne Ave, Bournemouth BH2 6DW	317313	
Julian May, 97 Southbourne Grove, Southbourne, BH6 3QX	432435	☼
Kelly Eyecare Opticians, 369 Wimborne Rd, Winton, BH9 2AQ	510102	☼ with difficulty
Rogers Opticians, 922 Wimborne Rd, Moordown, BH9 2DH	530500	
Still & Bedford, 56 Highfield Rd, Ensbury Park, BH9 2SG	529414	☼
Vision Express 46 Commercial Rd, Bournemouth, BH2 5LP	587524	☼ but not in own chair
EAST DORSET AREA		
Howie & Tickner, 6 Highcliffe Corner, Highcliffe, BH23 5EL	(01425) 272382	☼
Kelly Eyecare Opticians, 17 High Street, Ringwood, BH24 1AB	(01425) 478545	☼ but not in own chair
Optique 2000 Ltd, 7A West Street, Wimborne, BH21 1JN	(01202) 848808	☼ but not in own chair
Parley Optometrists, 127 New Rd, West Parley, BH22 8EB	(01202) 575759	
Perry Optometrists, Penny's Walk, Ferndown, BH22 9TH	(01202) 891955	☼ but not in own chair
NORTH AND WEST DORSET AREAS		
Cornwall Road Medical Practice, 3 Frederick Treves House, St. John Way, Dorchester, DT1 2FD – DDESP Slit Lamp Clinic, please phone the screening office	0345 608 1307	☼
E Hayden & Sons, 52 Broad Street, Lyme Regis, DT7 3QF – no disabled access	(01297) 442617	
Specsavers, 18 East Street, Bridport, DT6 3LF	(01308) 455960	☼
Vision Express Sherborne Opticians Ltd. 57 Cheap Street, Sherborne, DT9 3AX	(01935) 812105	
Weymouth Community Hospital, Melcombe Avenue, Weymouth, DT4 7TB – DDESP Slit Lamp Clinic, please phone the screening office	0345 608 1307	☼

PLEASE TURN OVER FOR LOCATIONS IN POOLE & PURBECK AREA

Shaftesbury, Westminster Memorial Hospital, Abbey Walk, Shaftesbury, Dorset, SP7 8BD - DDESP Slit Lamp Clinic, please phone the screening office	0345 608 1307	
POOLE AREA	(01202)	
Perry Optometrists, 434 Ashley Rd, Parkstone, BH14 0AA	741963	☀
S H Harrold. 107 Dolphin Centre, Poole, BH15 1SY	672878	
Specsavers 32-34 Kingland Crescent, Poole, Dorset, BH15 1TB	675789	☀ but not in own chair
PURBECK AREA		
Swanage Hospital, Queen's Road, Swanage, BH19 2ES – DDESP Slit Lamp Clinic, please phone the screening office	0345 608 1307	☀

Slit Lamp Examinations

Why do I need a slit lamp examination for Diabetic Eye Screening?

Screening for diabetic retinopathy is usually carried out by taking photographs of the back of the eyes. Unfortunately, this method of screening does not work in about one in twenty people with diabetes. There are a number of reasons why this may happen: such as cataracts, corneal scars, difficulty sitting at the camera and other reasons.

The problem is not the fault of the screeners taking the pictures. It just happens that in certain patients it is impossible to get clearly focused photographs which can be graded as part of the diabetic eye screening process.

The fact you need to have a slit lamp examination does not mean you have a serious eye problem. For example, even mild cataracts can sometimes cause blurred photographs.

Who undertakes the slit lamp examinations?

The Dorset programme is part of the English National Screening Programme for Diabetic Retinopathy (ENSPDR) and follows the ENSPDR Standards to ensure a high quality screening programme and to protect patients.

The ENSPDR has specific standards for Slit Lamp Examiners (SLEs):

1. They are properly trained.
2. They are assessed and accredited regularly (this means checked to make sure they are doing the procedure correctly).
3. They must examine at least 100 people with diabetes each year as part of a diabetic eye screening programme.

Where are slit lamp examinations carried out?

In Dorset we take these standards seriously. A limited number of optometrists from our main screening programme have undertaken further training and assessment in special diabetic clinics so they can undertake the slit lamp examinations for the Dorset Diabetic Eye Screening Programme.

These standards mean that slit lamp examination can only be undertaken by a limited number of optician practices where the SLEs work. DDESP has also set up a number of clinics in community hospitals using these SLEs. These hospital clinics will provide a screening slit lamp service in towns where there is no optician practice available.