

It is the policy of the LCRS that all consultation preceding surgery should be conducted in a structured manner and must cover some key topics. These topics will include all the necessary information for patients to make an informed choice whether they wish to proceed with surgery. As consultations follow a natural conversation the order of these topics may change, however it is important that patients feel that all topics have been discussed to their satisfaction. This document will be available to patients in the following forms:

- on the LCRS main web-site ([www.lcrs.co.uk](http://www.lcrs.co.uk)),
- On display at either the waiting room or consulting rooms of the LCRS
- Individual copy will be available for patients on request (it will not be handed to each patient routinely)

Please make sure that before you proceed with booking any surgery, you have discussed and understood each topic listed.

### Topics

- Patient's general health, including life-style
- Vision problems, reasons for considering surgery
- Full eye examination results (examination includes: pachymetry, refraction, binocular vision test, and checking the back of the eye for any disease/abnormality. In the case of IOL and CK: also topography)
- Corrective procedures available to the patient
- Both advantages and disadvantages of each procedure, including the ones not offered by the LCRS
- Detailed discussion of the procedure recommended by the surgeon
- Potential outcomes from the recommended procedure and their impact on the patient's life-style
- Possibility of unfavourable outcomes (e.g. regression, unsuccessful surgery) and ways of managing these
- Possible complications of eye surgery in general and the recommended procedure in particular. (Only complication with a statistical probability of more than 1 in 500 will be discussed)
- Side effects of the recommended procedure and their management, including
  - Pain
  - Glare
  - Ability to wear contact lenses
- Necessary precautions after surgery (lifestyle changes, achieving best results)
- Post-operative care in general and what is provided by the LCRS
- Costs and financial implications of proceeding with surgery. The LCRS maintains the right to charge costs incurred due to cancellation of booked surgery. All phakic lenses must be paid in full at the time of booking,
- Other sources of information are available to patients for further reading.