

Home Visiting Optician Services

Everyone over 60 years is eligible for free eye tests, although you may have to pay for your glasses. Younger people may also be eligible for free eye examination depending on their health/benefits. Being unable to leave the home for physical or mental health reasons may also qualify a person for free eye examination.

Home visits enable people to have their eye examination in their own home. People living with dementia qualify for a free eye examination as the familiarity of a home environment is important plus family members can be present and high street opticians may not be accessible.

If glasses are required, a person should be able to choose from a selection brought to their home. New glasses should be brought to the home and fitted correctly. Always ask about after care service and clarify the warranty.

<u>Victoria J Smith Opticians</u>	0114 2621955	<u>Victoria J Smith Opticians (victoriasmithopticians.co.uk)</u>	26 Terminus Rd, Millhouses, Sheffield. S7 2LH Home visits to own home or care home for anyone with a Sheffield GP. Has a selection of portable eye examination equipment & can adapt approach/tools used to persons abilities. Will deliver/fit new glasses & provide after care service.
<u>Ian Truelove</u>	0114 3273737	<u>Dore optician Home Personal and Professional Eye care for all the family at dore optician (dore-optician.co.uk)</u>	25 Townhead Road, Dore, Sheffield, S17 3GD Average one day a week for home visits to a person's own home or a care home address. Usual appointment takes 1.5 hours. This could be reduced/flexible depending on persons abilities.
<u>Premier Eye Care</u>	0114 2852696	<u>Premier Eyecare - Your Local Independent Opticians</u>	Hillsborough Barracks Shopping Mall (Upper level: Outside Morrisons), Langsett Rd, Sheffield, S6 2LR Covering north of the city, usually S6 and S35 postcodes. Approx 2 weeks wait for a home visit eye examination appointment then a follow up dispensing optician appointment if required.
<u>Mobile Opticians</u>	0800 043 4261	<u>The Mobile Opticians - Professional eye care</u>	Eye examination in own home or care home. Adapt the eye examination as required for people with dementia – may use pictures or colours or other tools to support people who have communication difficulties. Offer a home visiting repair service for items purchased from their company.
<u>Specsavers</u>	0800 198 1132	<u>Eye exams for dementia patients: Is a home visit best? Specsavers UK</u>	A request for a home visit can be arranged by calling 0808 134 9669 or through an online form on the website. Visit people at home or in care homes. They report completing an eye examination using picture cards or single letters, requiring a yes, no response. Home hearing tests also available.
<u>The Outside Clinic</u>	0800 239 3504	<u>About Us OutsideClinic</u>	Experienced staff encourage someone familiar to be present during the eye examination if that is helpful. They complete the examination at a person's own pace and can complete a noncommunicative sight test. Provide a full selection of frames and offer a repair service if items purchased from their company. Also offer a home visiting hearing service.
<u>Visioncall</u>	01302 738800 (Care Homes Only)	<u>Visioncall - Person-Centred Sight Test At Home (vision-call.co.uk)</u>	Optometrists are trained to use dementia-friendly communication techniques which may include a non-responsive test for people who have communication difficulties to ensure they remain sensitive to the individual's needs throughout the eye examination.