

Community Ophthalmology Service

Appendix C

Definition of Stable Glaucoma

The Royal College of Ophthalmologists defines 'Stable glaucoma' as:

- no change in the management of the patient's glaucoma for 2 years*;
- no new symptoms for 2 years* which could be attributable to progressive visual deterioration, such as a drop in acuity or subjective change of a paracentral visual field defect;
- an intraocular pressure remaining below a level satisfactory for the individual patient for 2 years*;
- no change in the optic disc appearance for 2 years*. This should preferably be based on good quality optic disc photography undertaken in the Hospital Eye Service at baseline; and,
- no significant change in visual field over 2 years*

* or earlier by local agreement with secondary care.