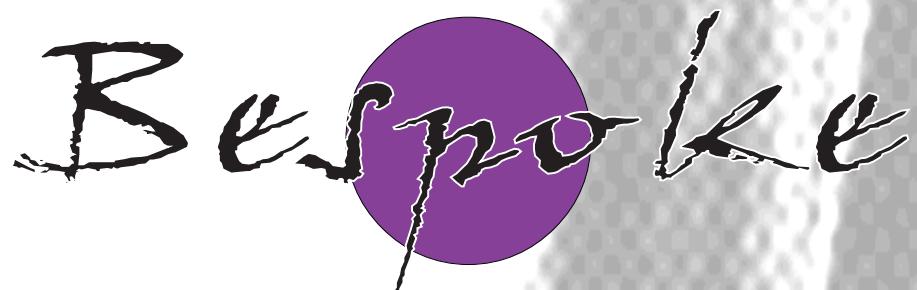


Opening Times

Monday	8.30 - 6.30
Tuesday	8.30 - 6.30
Wednesday	8.30 - 6.30
Thursday	8.30 - 6.30
Friday	8.30 - 5.30
Saturday	8.30 - 4.00



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Introduction

Before the arrival of disposable lenses all contact lenses, whether rigid or soft, were hand made for each patient. This labour intensive procedure is expensive and so does not allow the flexibility in wear patterns which are now available. However, bespoke, handmade lenses have some crucial advantages over the mass produced products.

Disposable lenses come in broad but limited ranges. For patients whose prescription are outside those ranges, due to disease, trauma or refractive surgery, the corneal shape may not be regular and standard lenses will not suffice. Bespoke lenses play a small but extremely vital role in contact lens practice if we are to be able to correct every patient's visual needs.

Contact Lens Fitting and Duty of Care

Bespoke lenses require patience and skill. They can be time consuming for both patient and practitioner. Consequently specialist lenses are not necessarily offered by all optometrists since it may not be considered cost effective to do so.

However, our duty of care is to supply all our patients with the most appropriate management options to fulfil their visual and quality of life needs then we have an obligation to offer these specialist services.

Contact Lenses and Aftercare

Regardless of how you buy contact lenses you will pay for two items :-

1. The contact lenses
2. The professional time required to fit the correct lenses and for aftercare..

**We would not recommend purchasing contact lenses
if the second obligation is not met by the practitioner.**

We used to charge a single price for bespoke lenses which included the lenses and ongoing clinical care for one year. After this patients were asked to pay an annual professional fee to continue this care.

clarity

We now have a more inclusive service called clarity which ensures your vital ongoing care does not lapse. With your clinical care covered, the contact lenses themselves are significantly cheaper. By definition bespoke lens prices must be calculated on an individual basis but with Clarity these prices do not include any inflation to cover professional costs. Please see our Contact Lens Price Policy leaflet for more information on:

clarity Where everything becomes clear.

Customised, Bespoke Lenses

The custom made lenses listed in this leaflet are not exhaustive of the lenses fitted by us. Starting Some specialist lenses are described in the appropriate leaflets :- 'Toric Contact Lenses' and 'Multifocal Contact Lenses'. More commonly used ones are listed.

Rigid Spherical Lenses

RGP lenses. Excellent for low to moderate levels of astigmatism.



RGP Xtralens Design

Large diameter with novel surface and edge design, combine to give excellent comfort and ocular health.



Bitoric RGP Lenses

Used for very astigmatic corneas to prevent spectacle blur.

Reverse Geometry RGPs

Sometimes used for the correction of eyes post laser refractive surgery when the flattening of the cornea makes fitting conventional lenses impossible. Also used in Orthokeratology.

Multifocal Xtralens

For the ultimate in Presbyopic Contact Lens correction. Excellent vision quality at both distance and near

Sealed Sclerals



Scleral lenses have applications in the treatment of keratoconus, post laser refractive surgery where irregular corneal shape precludes normal contact lenses, as well as in the management of extreme dry eye and ptosis.