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Tetbury Hospital now offer an expanded Ophthalmology service

1 People living in Tetbury are extremely fortunate to be able to have cataract procedures carried out in our local hospital. Over the last few months, the hospital has expanded its Ophthalmology service, and it now has seven consultants.

2 The importance of being able to have cataracts attended to is expressed extremely well by one of our local Consultant Ophthalmologists. As he puts it:  
"Life isn't half so much fun if we can't appreciate the visual."  
How very true.

3 I must confess, I had not known there were so many choices in the process of having cataracts removed. A range of different lenses is just one of these choices to be made.

It's a bit different, I'm sure, in places such as India and Africa. Somehow, I can't imagine people are offered a lens menu there before they have their cataracts removed!

The gift of clear vision – in many cases in the countries mentioned - however is one that everybody, wherever they are, deserves. It must be wonderful to have that gift restored after being without it.

4 For Tetbury people, as I hinted above, there are some options to be discussed with one's consultant before surgery. For some patients, this choice will include whether to have cataracts removed from both eyes at the same time.

I think there are questions to asked here. It cannot be the same as combining a shop form milk and chocolate on the same run to the shops. I'm reading it, there could be downsides related to a single run to the eye clinic. Anyways.

5 To access this treatment, people can get a consultation through the NHS by asking their doctor or optician to arrange an appointment. Or they can go privately, in which case the Private Patient Team can be reached on 01 666 501 773. More questions are popping up here.

Alternatively, for someone who has private medical insurance, an appointment can be booked by first contacting the insurance company. The hospital is a BUPA recognised hospital and accepts most insurance

providers.

6 One question still lingering for me though, is this.  
With 7 specialists now in our titchy - but valuable - Tetbury Hospital, the problem with eyes, looks to me much greater than I had previously imagined.

A problem to be looked into further another day, I think.

7 For more information, the hospital's phone number is 01 666 502 336.

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