This information sheet is designed to provide more information for patients awaiting oculoplastic surgery by Mr David Cheung. Further information is available from Mr Cheung’s website: www.mrdavidcheung.com

What is entropion?
Entropion describes when the eyelid turns inwards towards the eyeball. In the UK, it more commonly affects the lower lids.

What causes entropion?
In the UK, the commonest cause of entropion is due to ageing. Stretching of various tendons and loosening of the different layers of the eyelid allow the eyelid to rotate inwards resulting in entropion formation.

Some conditions which cause scarring of the eyelids can also result in the eyelids turning inwards.

What are the signs and symptoms of entropion?
The eyelid rubs against the eye causing irritation, redness, watering and blurred vision.

How is entropion treated?
Temporary Measures
The lower eyelid can be pulled back into its normal position with a piece of tape placed between the lid and cheek. This is only a temporary measure for entropion of the lower eyelid, whilst awaiting surgery.

Botulin toxin (Botox) may be used to help weaken the muscles on the front of the lower eyelid, whilst preventing the eyelid from turning inwards. Sometimes an injection of botulinum toxin is only a temporary measure for entropion of the lower eyelid. This is also a temporary measure.

Long Term Measures
The best option for treating entropion is an operation. The vast majority of entropion operations are a day case procedure and can be done quite comfortably and quickly under a local anaesthetic injection.

What is entropion formation?
Entropion formation is when the lower lid, or lower eyelid, turns inwards. The lower eyelid is due to ageing. Strengthening of the loose and weakened tendons and loosening of the various layers of the eyelid is due to ageing. Strengthening or tightening of the eyelid can help prevent the eyelid from turning inwards.

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If left untreated, an entropion may cause a painful ulcer to develop on the front of the eye, which can lead to blindness.

Do you have any questions? Write them down here and bring this with you if you have to come for any treatment of your entropion.