**Visual impairment network for Children and Young People (VINCYP) Standards**

Specialist Healthcare Commissioning

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| **VINCYP Standard** | **Description** | **Definition / Clarifications** | **Derivation / Linked Documents** |
|  | In each eye department there is an ophthalmologist with an identified role for children/young person with Vision Impairment (VI |  | [RCOphth Ophthalmic Services for Children Guidance](https://www.rcophth.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Ophthalmic-Services-for-Children-March-2021.pdf) |
|  | In each Health Board there is a Paediatrician with an identified role for children/young people with VI |  | VIP Scotland Group |
|  | Children are seen in a dedicated children's/young persons' eye clinic | Applies to all children 0-16 years and those up to 18 and still at school should also be seen in these clinics | [RCOphth Ophthalmic Services for Children Guidance](https://www.rcophth.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Ophthalmic-Services-for-Children-March-2021.pdf) |
|  | Children have a dedicated children's/young persons' eye clinic waiting area | Applies to all children 0-16 years and those up to 18 and still at school | [RCOphth Ophthalmic Services for Children Guidance](https://www.rcophth.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Ophthalmic-Services-for-Children-March-2021.pdf) |
|  | Letters should be copied to parents/young people | Exceptions are where it is felt this could be harmful Includes all specialties | [RCOphth Ophthalmic Services for Children Guidance](https://www.rcophth.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Ophthalmic-Services-for-Children-March-2021.pdf) |
|  | There is a process in place to measure patient satisfaction | Any level, type, form of feedback at present | [RCOphth Ophthalmic Services for Children Guidance](https://www.rcophth.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Ophthalmic-Services-for-Children-March-2021.pdf) |
|  | Each local authority has a service for children with VI through which all children have an assessment of need by a [QTVI](https://www.gov.scot/publications/guidance-appropriate-qualifications-teachers-children-young-persons-hearing-impaired-visually/pages/3/) within at most 4 weeks from the date the referral / request for assistance was sent out (if the period of referral spans the school summer holiday, this extends to 8 weeks) | It is for individual local authorities, as employers, to ensure that all teachers employed wholly or mainly to teach pupils who are visually impaired hold an appropriate qualification to teach such pupils. | [Scottish Executive Guidance on appropriate qualifications for teachers of children and young persons who are hearing impaired, visually impaired, or both hearing and visually impaired, 2007](https://www.gov.scot/binaries/content/documents/govscot/publications/advice-and-guidance/2007/01/guidance-appropriate-qualifications-teachers-children-young-persons-hearing-impaired-visually/documents/0044786-pdf/0044786-pdf/govscot%3Adocument/0044786.pdf) |
|  | Each local authority has a service for children with VI through which all children have an assessment of need by a qualified habilitation specialist within 4 weeks of referral | A Qualified Habilitation Specialist is defined as one who meets the agreed [Quality Standards](https://www.rwpn.org.uk/resources/Documents/Habilitation%20Quality%20Standards%202nd%20edition.pdf): Delivery of Habilitation Training (Mobility and Independent Living Skills) for Children and Young People with Visual Impairment (2nd ed.).  In very young children the assessment may be direct (face to face) or indirect in consultation with other professionals. | [Hayton, J., & Wood, A. (2022). Quality Standards: Delivery of Habilitation Training (Mobility and Independent Living Skills) for Children and Young People with Visual Impairment (2nd ed.). RNIB.](https://www.rwpn.org.uk/resources/Documents/Habilitation%20Quality%20Standards%202nd%20edition.pdf) |
|  | There is a clear pathway to access specialist assessments, investigations and support (MRI, OCT, VEP/ERG, retinal photography, fluoroscein angiography, formal visual field, genetic counselling, LVA, functional vision assessment and community services) |  | [RCOphth Ophthalmic Services for Children Guidance](https://www.rcophth.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Ophthalmic-Services-for-Children-March-2021.pdf) |
|  | Written information is given to parents/young people at the time of identification of VI | Any form of written information is acceptable, for example formal information sheets, web address | [RCOphth Ophthalmic Services for Children Guidance](https://www.rcophth.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Ophthalmic-Services-for-Children-March-2021.pdf) |
|  | There is a service within each HB which provides early intervention and family support on identification of VI | This is defined as a service providing contact by a professional with experience in visual impairment and emotional and practical support for families within at most 5 working days of referral. This should be available both in the community and in hospital. | [RCOphth Ophthalmic Services for Children Guidance](https://www.rcophth.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Ophthalmic-Services-for-Children-March-2021.pdf) |
|  | In each Local Authority, Health, Education, Habilitation and VI support agencies meet on a regular basis. This is to identify and review the needs of each individual child with VI. An interagency advisory report should be produced for each child within 8 months of identification of VI |  |  |