

Sight Impairment Registration

WHAT ARE THE REGISTRATION OPTIONS?

Certification of Visual Impairment (CVI)



This form certifies that the person is sight impaired (partially sighted) or severely sight impaired (blind). *Only ophthalmologists (eye specialists) can sign this form.*

Referral of Vision Impaired patient (RVI)

This can be used by hospital eye clinics before a CVI form is appropriate

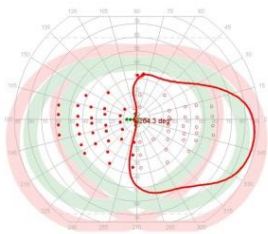


WHAT IS MEASURED?

1. Visual acuity – what can you see on a letter chart?

Severe sight impairment if the top letter cannot be seen at 3 metres away.

Sight impaired if only the top letter can be seen at 6 metres away.



2. Visual field – what can you see in your outside vision?

Severe sight impairment if your field of vision is extremely constricted/small.

Sight impaired if your field of vision is at least halved.

HOW TO REFER

- Referrals can be made by any health professional – GP, optician, optometrist, orthoptist, stroke doctor, stroke therapist, stroke nurse.
- You can self-refer. Registration is voluntary.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER COMPLETING THE CVI FORM?



- ✓ The CVI form is sent to the local social services team.
- ✓ Social services will contact you to ask if you wish to be registered.
- ✓ Registration means that your details are placed on the local social services register of people who are sight or severely sight impaired.
- ✓ They will offer a 'needs' assessment to find out what help and support you need to help you to remain independent.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF REGISTRATION?

- A wide range of concessions may be available, e.g. reduced TV licence fee, council bills and taxes, public transport costs.
- Access to welfare benefits and social services is not dependent on registration.
- Equally, the CVI form does not automatically entitle a person to welfare benefits – but it helps make it easier to apply for these.

