

Service Pathway

Enhanced Eye Care for People with Learning Disability

A sight-testing service for any child, young person or adult who is recognised by their GP as having a learning disability e.g. who has been registered on a local learning disability register.

Person signposted / referred into service

GP during annual health check, learning disability or special educational needs services, a carer or advocate, optometrist, optician or OMP. The patient may be recalled or self-refer.

The person may also be or be transferred from a service in special school or Hospital eye service.

Preparation and information gathering

"Telling the optometrist about me"

Consider the need for a Functional Vision Assessment
Consider arranging a pre-visit supported by the person's chosen supporter
Domiciliary appointment offered if appropriate

Sight test Appointment

May include extended times and multiple visits

Dispense spectacles

Registered Optometrist /
Dispensing Optician
"Wearing glasses"
"Getting used to glasses"

Referral to HES

+/- Advice and guidance
Pathology or
Sight test not possible under
service, referral to specialist
multi-disciplinary team at HES
(Contact HES team before
making a referral)

Referral to other service for management

E.g. MECs or GP service

Reporting and Recall

Report provided to the patient and copied to their carer and GP, to include advice to record relevant detail in EHCP, Health Action Plan, Social Care Support Plan

"Feedback from the optometrist about my eye test"

Recall indicated
Service experience questionnaire provided

Further advice

May need ECLO, certification, registration, low vision aid services and sensory service support