SURREY
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Physical & Sensory Support

Criteria for involvement of PSS

Vision Impairment (VI) Team

Requests for involvement from the PSS VI home and school team (0-19 years) to support access to learning can be made for children/students in Surrey who have a diagnosis of vision impairment from a consultant ophthalmologist; meaning they have:

- significantly reduced or deteriorating vision affecting both eyes, which cannot be fully corrected after surgery or with the use of glasses or contact lenses, and/or
- a significant reduction in their visual field (to mean the total area in which things can be seen above, below or to the side) with acuities (how well they can see) when using both eyes together that cannot be fully corrected after surgery or with the use of glasses or contact lenses.
- cerebral vision impairment.

Most of our work is with children/students in homes and educational settings in Surrey; some of which is a charged service.

Requests for involvement of PSS VI (home and school) can be made by professionals from health, education, schools, social services and voluntary groups using this **Request for Involvement form**. The child's/student's most current ophthalmology report must be included with the request for involvement.

When PSS VI (home and school) involvement is accepted, the level of support allocated to the child /student is determined by nationally agreed criteria.

Involvement ceases or reduces when the child /student no longer attends a setting, the child/student's vision improves to fall within the normal range or when the impact of VI on access to learning is managed by the setting.

A further request for involvement, should it become appropriate, can be made at any time.