

## **Vision Impairment**

### **Professional Guidance**

Physical and Sensory Support (PSS) accepts referrals for children and students aged 0 – 25 years. Beyond 25 years referrals may be made for education courses in an educational setting.

The acceptance of a referral to the PSS Vision Impairment team is based on the following criteria:

When children or students have significantly reduced or deteriorating vision in both eyes, which cannot be fully corrected after surgery or with the use of spectacles or contact lenses.

When there is a significant reduction in the child or student’s visual field.

When DSA (disabled student’s allowance) or college disability teams have agreed support needs.

The level of support required is identified on an individual basis by using Eligibility Criteria prior to post 16 transition, when support levels are agreed individually.

The Eligibility Criteria are recognised nationally and apply to children and students in a variety of educational settings.

#### **Reasons for ceasing involvement**

- The child or student is discharged by the ophthalmology clinic.
- The child or student’s visual needs are stable and previous advice given by the Advisory Teacher for Vision Impairment (ATVI) remains relevant.
- It has been agreed that ongoing intervention is no longer required.
- The child or student leaves school, college or university.

Re-referral should it become appropriate can take place at any time.