

Visual Impairment Care Bundle

On identifying that a child or young person has a visual impairment (VI), regardless of whether the specific diagnosis has been identified, the following actions should be taken:

1. Discuss with the parent / young person that they have a VI
2. Take consent (VINCYP consent form) for sharing of information with other VI agencies and inform them information will be entered into the Clinical Audit System (CAS)
3. Provide parent / young person with VINCYP postcard and CAS information leaflet
4. Action consent - send referral for all VI services to the health board central contact for distribution and action and enter patient details onto CAS
5. Write to, or copy clinic letter to, parent / young person with information about their VI, including the appropriate VI statement below for benefits application:

Visual Impairment (meets VINCYP criteria)

“..... has a visual impairment fulfilling the definition from the visual impairment network for children and young people (VINCYP)”

Severely sight impaired / blind (equivalent to adult severe sight impairment registration criteria)

“..... has a severe visual impairment fulfilling the definition from the visual impairment network for children and young people (VINCYP). He/she is unable to mobilise safely without help or supervision of another person due to severe sight impairment, taking age into account”

(A child should be diagnosed as having a severe visual impairment if he/she fulfils the adult severe sight impairment criteria or where there is difficulty/it is not appropriate to apply the adult visual acuity/ field criteria. In the professional opinion of the clinician, he/she would have the equivalent visual function to someone meeting the adult criteria for severe sight impairment registration).

Definition of visual impairment (VINCYP Criteria):

- Best corrected VA, both eyes open 0.500 or worse
- Visual field loss, both eyes open, which significantly affects function
- Any eye movement disorder which significantly affects function
- Any form of cognitive visual dysfunction due to disorders of the brain which can be demonstrated to significantly affect function
- N18 print or larger required for comfort reading