

Patient information leaflet

Certificate of Vision Impairment (CVI) Scotland

This information sheet tells you about the benefits of registration, the process of registration, sharing your information for research purposes, patient consent, information for drivers and information on voluntary support organisations.

Benefits of registration

You can choose whether or not you want to be registered, however, it is usually a positive step towards getting help for you to stay as independent as possible. It will also be easier for you to prove to service providers, employers, colleges, or other people what your level of sight is. Registration will assist you, and anyone caring for you to become eligible for certain entitlements, including benefits. Local authorities (Councils) have a duty to establish and maintain sight loss registers. Registration will help your local authority understand the needs of its local population which will help them plan services to support people with sight loss.

Process of registration

The Certificate of Vision Impairment (CVI) (Scotland) form, completed by the Consultant Ophthalmologist, indicates that you are eligible to be registered as either being sight impaired (partially sighted) or severely sight impaired (blind) with your local authority. Being registered by your local authority as severely sight impaired does not necessarily mean that you are totally without sight or will lose all of your sight in the future. If you have agreed that your local authority can receive your details they will contact you to talk about an assessment of your needs. The assessment will help you to find out how they can help you to continue to live independently and what support is available in your local area.

They will also talk to you about registration. You should contact your local authority after 28 days if you have not received any contact or information from them. You can contact your local authority before this time if you wish.

Information for research

If you consent to your data being shared, data from this form will be sent to Information Services Division (ISD), part of the NHS' National Services Scotland. This information is important as it will help to inform medical research on eye conditions and eye care in the future, and in the planning of national and local services to provide care and support to people with sight loss.

Patient consent

By signing the Certificate of Vision Impairment (CVI) (Scotland) form, you consent to the personal and sensitive information contained in this Certificate of Vision Impairment (Scotland) form being passed to your local provider of sight support services for an assessment and a discussion about registration. This information is considered necessary to provide appropriate support.

Information from this form will be used for epidemiological / medical research and analysis, and service planning (if you choose to give your consent). All parties have a duty of confidentiality, as well as duties under the Data Protection Act 1998 towards the use and protection of your personal information. You can withdraw your consent for your information to be used for these purposes at any time. Please email nss.isdinfogovernance@nhs.scot

Information for people who drive

If you are a driver certified as sight impaired or severely sight impaired you must not drive and you must inform the DVLA (Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency) at the earliest opportunity.

For more information, you can contact the DVLA at:

Drivers' Medical Enquiries

DVLA



Swansea

SA99 1TU

Telephone 0300 790 6806

Fax 0845 850 0095

Email: eftd@dvla.gsi.gov.uk

Website: <https://www.gov.uk/driving-medical-conditions>

DVLA General Enquiries

Telephone 0300 790 6801

Website: <https://www.gov.uk/contact-the-dvla>

Information on voluntary organisations offering advice and support

Contact SCОВI – the umbrella organisation of the vision sector in Scotland.

Website: <https://www.scovi.org.uk>

Email: info@scovi.org.uk