



Quick Guide

Learning Disability Guide

Overview

Community-based, locally funded service for patients with learning disabilities

Aim: Detection of any pathology or refractive error impacting on visual ability is identified and managed appropriately.

Patient Eligibility

- Patients have a form of diagnosed learning disability and registered with SEL GP
- No age limit

Patient Source

- Internal – from eye examination
- External – direct referral to practice on Outcomes, referral from GP/HES/other HCP or self-referral

Service Delivery

- Request is received and accepted by practice if received via Outcomes platform
- Patient/parent/carer contacted and appointment arranged within 4 weeks
- Assessment of vision, refraction, visual acuity with/without pinhole
- Completion of medical and ocular history
- Clinical assessment of anterior and posterior eye including dilation if clinically indicated
- Identification and discussion of any co-pathology that could impact vision and patients' health

Service Outcomes

- Follow Fail to Contact protocol if unable to successfully contact patient/parent/carer
- Discharge from service to GOS
- Continuation appointment to complete examination if unable to carry out all required tests at initial appointment
- Follow up –within LD pathway using clinical judgment on frequency
- Refer to GP
- Refer to HES

Service Requirements

- All episodes must be recorded on Outcomes platform
- Equipment: access to Outcomes & eRS; Distance & Near test chart; appropriate ophthalmic drugs, ability appropriate refraction equipment, stereopsis tests, means for ocular health assessment
- Practitioner: GOC registered, SEL COTS approved optometrist
- Practice: SEL COTS approved practice

Fail to be brought

- Log on Outcomes,
- 1st DNA – patient is contacted and appointment rebooked
- 2nd DNA – patient is discharged from service, notification is sent to patient/parent/carer and patient's GP and POS

e-RS Tips

- All information is for the correct relevant patient
- Referral letter contains all relevant information as per service delivery
- Action requested, clinic choice and provider choice (where applicable) is clearly identified