



Inclusion and Equality

Vision Support Service

Educational Services for Children and Young People with a Visual Impairment

Argyll and Bute Vision Support Service is staffed by a peripatetic teacher who specialises in working with children and young people who have a visual impairment.

Who do we work with?

- babies, children and young people with a confirmed medical diagnosis of a visual impairment from birth to school leaving age
- parents/carers and families
- staff in schools and nurseries
- other agencies e.g. Health, Educational Psychology, Social Work
- voluntary organisations e.g. NDCS, RNIB

Where do we provide support?

- in the home if the child is under 3
- in nurseries and playgroups
- in any local authority school

What do we do?

- assess a child's vision and then offer recommendations on how the child's needs can best be met
- provide visual awareness sessions for class teachers, staff and pupils
- organise mobility training for learners with severe visual impairment
- advise management of visual environment
- provide support in the use of specialist equipment to promote independence and curriculum access
- advise and support staff in how to promote inclusion
- attend meetings to review progress and plan for the future

How do we do it?

- by supporting within the classroom
- working one-to-one with a child
- liaising closely with partners, including parents/carers
- communicating with parents and carers
- keeping abreast of innovations and current legislation
- promoting professional development amongst staff
- sharing appropriate information with partner agencies

Referrals



Most of our referrals come from optometry with a parent/carers agreement. We then make initial contact with parents/carers and school to ascertain how we can best support and take action accordingly.

Referrals can be accepted from school. In such cases, a check is made to establish that there is a requirement for intervention.

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