

Universal Offer (Pre referral)

FAMILY / WORKFORCE
 Advice and information relating to vision impairment can be found on our website.
<https://www.berkshiresensoryconsortium.co.uk/>

WORKFORCE
 Online training offers available to all schools – E.g. Vision impairment awareness

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 In development – training offers for SEND case officers / joint working with other professionals / SENCO Networks

Referral to Berkshire Sensory Consortium Service – forms on website - <https://www.berkshiresensoryconsortium.co.uk/make-a-referral/>
Pre-school children – referred via ophthalmology departments following diagnosis of a vision impairment which meets criteria for referral – e.g. a visual acuity of 6/12 or lower or better acuity with compounding factors such as nystagmus.
School age children – referred by the school setting with a letter from the eye clinic detailing eye condition and vision information to show meets criteria + parental consent
Other - Referrals may also be made by other sensory support services for children moving into the area / local authorities requesting assessments for EHCP for children new to the area.

Upon receipt of referral
 Pre-school children identified at eye clinic – phone call with family within 5 working days of receipt of referral (including school holidays). Assessment booked within 4 working weeks and report completed within 8 working weeks of receipt of referral and supporting evidence + parental consent.
 Following assessment child may be discharged with advice and information or come onto caseload for monitoring, advisory or teaching support dependant on need.

Advisory Support

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 Advisory Package which may include: Assessment of functional vision / observation / liaison / pupil profile / attendance at AR / training / online training – universal offer / but not direct teaching

EHCNA reports for students not on caseload but requested by LA

FAMILY
 Parent workshops
 Family fun day
 Parent / professionals event
 Post 16 transition online event
 SEMH / social events for CYP
 Pre-school groups

EQUIPMENT
 Provision of specialist assistive devices as appropriate
 Training for effective use of all assistive devices
 Maintaining specialist equipment

WORKFORCE
 TA training / network meetings
 Specialist training days for TAs working with CYP with severe or profound VI
 MDT meetings with health
 Online INSET training

Children may move between advisory and teaching packages dependent on change in needs.
 Children may be discharged to universal offer when their needs can be successfully met in their setting. They can be re-referred to the service.

Teaching Support

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 Teaching package – Level subject to LA and determined by NatSIP eligibility and subject to core capacity / BSCS staffing.
 To include range of training / assessment / report / AR / direct work on a teaching programme in line with the Curriculum Framework for CYP with a vision impairment (CFVI).