

Who are we?

The Vision Impairment (VI) Service supports the needs of children with vision impairments in Tameside. The team provides practical advice and strategies to families, schools and other settings about all aspects of reduced functional vision and its impact on children's educational, social and emotional development.



Tameside Vision Impairment Team

How does a child or young person get referred for support?

You can refer directly into the service via telephone or email if you have any questions or concerns regarding a child's vision. Many of the referrals are taken from schools, parents, the eye hospitals and a range of different professionals.

What is a Vision Impairment?

Visual impairment or low vision is a reduction in vision that cannot be corrected with standard glasses or contact lenses and reduces a person's ability to function at certain or all tasks.

For those students without a confirmed diagnosis your GP would be able to refer you to the orthoptist/ ophthalmology department.

Assessment Information

The team will take some initial information and send out a consent form to the parents before an assessment can take place. This enables the service to ascertain the correct information from the medical professionals regarding the child's vision and also be able to share the outcome of the visit with any involved professionals and school staff.

What people say about us

'We have learnt so much from the VI team'

'The advice given has greatly supported the teacher and the child who requires the VI service'

'They have been a big part of his life and helped him to grow both academically and personally.'

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Working in partnership

We liaise with professionals such as Orthoptists, Ophthalmologists, Integrated Services for Children with Additional Needs (ISCAN), Pupil Support Services, Portage, Educational Psychologists and other agencies.

How to contact us

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