

# HealthHarmonie Limited

## Low Vision Services

### Guide

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## Introduction

This document is a guide for the delivery of Low Vision Services within the Community. Guidance is based on information from Royal College of Ophthalmologists.

## Clinical Guidance

### History

The patients' needs should be assessed by taking their history. The clinician should:

- Ask the patient specific questions relating to their condition.
- Take history of the patient, including personal medical and ocular history, including medications and eye drops
- Take details of any family ocular history

The patient will have completed a pre-assessment questionnaire which should be reviewed at this time.

### Examination

The following examinations should be undertaken:

- Visual Acuity
- Contrast Sensitivity
- Glare Function
- Visual Fields

The patient's expectations should also be reviewed in order to determine the most suitable aid.

The underlying cause of sight loss should also be reviewed

### Outcomes and Management

The patient should be provided with recommendations on the most appropriate low vision aids for their condition.

If the patient agrees to use low vision aids, this should be detailed in their outcome report and supplied to the patient.

The patient should be offered access to a Consultant Ophthalmologist for further assessment if they wish. They should also be advised that they are required to be seen by a Consultant Ophthalmologist in order to complete a Certificate of vision impairment (CVI) form.

Local support information will be provided to the patient by the optometrist.

### Follow Up

A follow up should be conducted 2 weeks after the low vision assessment to review how the patient is adapting the aid provided.

The patient should also be advised to attend regular sight testing.

## Pathway

### Low vision pathway

