

Care and support of older people with learning disabilities

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1	Short	General	General	<p>The College of Optometrist would like to thank NICE for this guideline and for the opportunity to comment.</p> <p>We welcome the inclusion of eye health as a consideration for health and social care professionals, family members and carers when providing care and support of older people with learning disabilities.</p> <p>Sight loss is a severe disability and can have a devastating pervasive effect on all aspects of life. There is a link between sight loss and reduced wellbeing.</p>

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				Patients with learning disabilities may have additional ocular conditions and other health problems.
2	Short	10	15-17	<p>We support this recommendation.</p> <p>We would stress the importance of interventions that encourage regular eye examinations with an optometrist as important healthy lifestyle behaviour. The vast majority of cases of sight-threatening, non communicable eye diseases are detected through eye examinations by optometrists and early detection is a key factor in improved patient outcomes.</p> <p>The College of Optometrists has published a Guidance for professional practice, which includes a section on “Examining patients with learning disabilities”. http://guidance.college-optometrists.org/guidance-contents/knowledge-skills-and-performance-domain/examining-patients-with-learning-disabilities</p> <p>The Guidance provides recommendations to support Optometrists when examining a patient with learning disabilities.</p>
3	Short	16	20	<p>The College of Optometrists supports this recommendation.</p> <p>Thanks to the frontline nature of the profession, and the high levels of patient coverage, optometrists are in a fortuitous position to help people and their family members and carers in recognising and managing age-related eye conditions.</p>
4	Short	18	1	<p>The College of Optometrists supports this recommendation.</p> <p>See our comment above.</p>

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