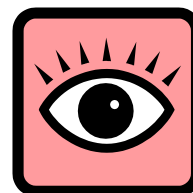


## What is a Visual Impairment?

- A child has a visual impairment when glasses cannot correct the vision. (Not all children will have glasses prescribed if they cannot help the condition).
- The Service for Visually Impaired Children will usually become involved if the child has a recognised diagnosis, has a visual acuity of 6/18 or worse in both eyes, or needs print size N14 or larger.
- A child with a visual impairment may be able to see well in some circumstances, but have other significant difficulties in other conditions. For example a restricted field of vision, difficulties with mobility, sensitivity to light, or night blindness.



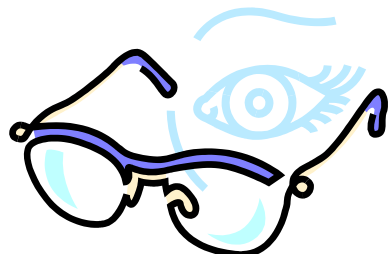
## What is not a visual impairment?

The Service for Visually Impaired Children will not usually need to be involved if:

- the child has no vision in one eye but the other eye can see well (monocular vision).
- they can see well with their glasses, but they cannot see very well without them.

## Guidance.

The Service for Visually Impaired Children has a range of information on eye conditions and suggestions for helping the child.



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