



Tuesday 19 May 2026 14.30 – 15.30 Paediatric Certification of Visual Impairment: What every ophthalmologist needs to know

The Certificate of Visual Impairment form is changing, with a new form in the late stages of development and will be coming into use in the near future. This important session looks at coming changes and developments in this process for paediatric patients that every ophthalmologist who sees children needs to know, in order to counsel children and their families at what is often a very challenging and emotional time. The session will be chaired by Naz Raouf, a Paediatric Ophthalmologist who is also a member of the Paediatric Subcommittee at the RCOphth, and also sits on the Certificate of Visual Impairment Committee, but it is planned to be multidisciplinary with speakers from orthoptic and ECLO backgrounds planned to give talks on how the CVI form is changing (specifically it is changing from a separate paediatric form to a shared form with adults) as well as practical tips on how to access resources and support for families, including counselling.

14.30 – 14.45 Paediatric Certificate of Visual Impairment Update: What every Ophthalmologist needs to know

Naz Raouf (Consultant Ophthalmologist, Moorfields Eye Hospital; Paediatric Representative for the Certificate of Visual Impairment Committee):

14.45 – 15.00 Changes to the England CVI document and process for paediatric patients

Karen Hirst (Information and Resources Manager Education and Children, RNIB):

15.00 – 15.15 A Kind Place to Start: Improving the Diagnostic Experience for Children and Young People with Vision Impairment and their families and carers

Charlotte Codina (Orthoptist, BIOS Low Vision Clinical Activity Group co-lead, Chair - Children's Eye Health Workstream CYPVI network):

15.15 – 15.30 Discussion