

		Appendix 4
Level of intervention from Vision Support Service	Description – to be delivered by a Qualified Teacher of the Visually Impaired/ practitioner/ resource production team.	Funding implications These figures are based on one child in the school. If there are more than one the costs will be proportionally less.
Advice/ training only involvement	Schools universal offer and responsibility to develop understanding of SEN and appropriate high quality teaching interventions. ref. C of P 6:26/6:36 The child/ young person will not currently require direct involvement from VSS and will offer generic information and telephone advice. An assessment with advice and recommendations to the school may have been carried out previously.	School to commission suitable training and whole school development in visual awareness training. VSS cost:£83 (1 hour)
	Recommended training Whole school refresher basic visual awareness training (to meet universal local offer visual impairment requirements) is recommended to be renewed every two years. SENCO may attend primary/secondary/ special school visual impairment INSET as part of their CPD.	VSS Cost: £83 Half day £27 Full day INSET£54
Referral	Where VSS has received a referral of vision loss and it meets Service thresholds a vision support teacher is assigned to the child and conducts an initial referral visit/ assessment (up to 2 hours).Where it is identified that the needs of the child can be met as part of the schools universal offer advice and recommendations will be submitted to the setting/parents. If the school demonstrates that it has fulfilled the expectations at the universal level OR the assessment indicates a requirement for intervention the child/ young person support levels will be determined using the National Eligibility Framework (for Sensory Impairment) and professional judgement. For children with complex needs where a functional assessment will take in excess of an initial visit this will form part of the subsequent support package and will be at a higher level in the initial year.	School visit /Assessment. Usually will write a report. No charge.
	Recommended training Whole school refresher visual awareness training (to meet universal local offer visual impairment requirements) is recommended if no school training in past two years OR appropriate training based on the level of need identified.	VSS. Cost £83 (1 hour training) Either child specific training at the setting £124 per hour
Statutory Advice	Statutory advice is provided across the levels of involvement.	No charge

<p>Annual/ twice annual visits (C3/C2)</p>	<p>If the decision of the referral visit is C3/C2 the child/ school/family will need some low level input of up to two visits a year to carry out a recommended annual functional vision assessment and to provide ongoing advice. In addition phone guidance and collaboration with Paediatric Vision Services/other professionals and the provision of a written report.(2-3 hours a year)</p> <p>For a child/ young person with an EHC plan (accessing element 3/top up funding), where VI is not the primary need and a low level of input is required this could consist of a visit, review contribution and/ or attendance at annual review.</p> <p>NB Visit eligibility is assessed termly to ensure level of need remains constant</p>	<p>Annual=£166 Year 1 =£55 Year 2 =£110 Year 3= £166</p> <p>Twice annually= £249 Year 1= £83 Year 2= £166 Year 3= £249</p>
	<p>Recommended training</p> <p>School will be advised that SENCO/ staff supporting the child/young person should attend training session specific to child's need.</p> <p>In addition key staff may attend VI INSET.</p>	<p>School based training £125 per hour INSET cost= £54</p>
<p>Termly/Half-termly Visits (C1/B2)</p>	<p>If the decision of the referral visit is C1/B2 the child/school /family will need some mid-level input of 3-6 visits per year from a teacher of the visually impaired (5-9 hours). This will include a functional vision assessment, written report with specific advice, recommendations and strategies to support the child/ school/family. In addition collaboration with Paediatric Vision Services, wider multiagency working and phone guidance. We may conduct a home visit in lieu of a school visit if there is an identified need.</p> <p>NB Visit eligibility is assessed termly to ensure level of need remains constant</p>	<p>Termly cost=£415 Year1=£138 Year2 =£276 Year3=£415</p> <p>Half termly Cost=£747 Year 1=£249 Year 2=£498 Year 3=£747</p>
<p>Monthly Visits (B1)</p>	<p>If the decision of a referral visit is B1 the child/school /family will need some mid/high level input of monthly visits or up to 10 per year. This will include a functional vision assessment, written report and specific advice, recommendations and strategies to support the child/school/family. In addition collaboration with Paediatric Vision Services, wider multiagency working and phone guidance. We may conduct a home visit in lieu of a school visit if there is an identified need (up to 15 hours)</p> <p>NB Visit eligibility is assessed termly to ensure level of need remains constant</p>	<p>Monthly=£1245 Year 1=£415 Year 2=£830 Year 3=£1245</p>
<p>As part of termly, half-termly, monthly visits</p>	<p>Adapted curriculum resources</p> <p>The child may need access to enlarged and/or modified curriculum resources which can't be photo-enlarged. Day to day resources will be the responsibility of the school. A teacher of the visually impaired will assess the child's need for modified/enlarged long form resources and advise on their provision. This may involve recommendations for training to be undertaken by the school.</p> <p>Advice will be provided to the school on accessing</p>	<p>Not charged</p>

	electronic copies of textbooks where appropriate.	
As part of termly, half-termly, monthly visits	<p>Assistive Technology</p> <p>There may be a need for an assistive technology assessment and initial usage training for key school staff in collaboration with the ICT Assessment Service.</p> <p>The provision and maintenance of the equipment will be part of the core offer providing the recommended tuition to enable both staff and the child's and key staff use is purchased.</p>	<p>To be included as part of the package of visits.</p> <p>Not charged</p>
As part of the termly, half-termly, monthly visits	<p>Mobility Training</p> <p>Following an assessment the teacher of the visually impaired may identify the need for the child/young person to be referred for a programme of mobility training. The school will be made aware of any referral and whether the training will take place in school or at the child/young person's home.</p>	Not charged
In addition to termly, half-termly, monthly visits	<p>Specialist Keyboard/ Assistive Technologies Tuition</p> <p>For VI children/young persons for whom ICT will potentially be their normal working practice a specialist touch-typing assessment/ programme of tuition leading to certification/accreditation will be recommended.</p> <p>The child may also require a programme of tuition on the use of speech/ magnification software to enable proficient equipment use.</p>	<p>Cost: £47 (1hour)</p> <p>Half termly/monthly visits= £282/£470</p> <p>Year 1=£94/£157</p> <p>Year 2=£188/£313</p> <p>Year 3=£282/£470</p> <p>An initial programme of fortnightly/weekly visits may be recommended for new referrals.</p>
As part of/ in addition to termly, half-termly, monthly visits	<p>Recommended Training</p> <p>Child specific VI training for staff working directly with the child/young person.</p> <p>Either SENCO /teacher and LSA if involved will be expected to attend VSS training.</p> <p>Resource production training for key staff where equipment/software is provided and recommended by a teacher of the visually impaired.</p>	<p>To be included as part of the package of visits.</p> <p>Cost £54 (1 day)</p> <p>No charge</p>
Fortnightly/weekly visits (A3/A2)	<p>If the decision of the referral visit is A3/A2 the child/school /family will need high level input of fortnightly/weekly visits during term time or blocks of high level targeted intervention. To include functional vision assessments, written reports, direct teaching modelling/ training interventions and targeted interventions based on assessment outcomes and phone guidance. In addition collaboration with Paediatric Vision Services and wider multiagency working. We may attend clinic/home in lieu of a visit if there is an identified need (19-38 visits, 28-57 hours).</p>	<p>Cost= £2324 (1.5)</p> <p>Year 1= £775</p> <p>Year2= £1549</p> <p>Year 3=£2324</p> <p>Weekly Cost= £4731 (1.5)</p> <p>Year 1= £1577</p> <p>Year2= £3154</p> <p>Year 3=£2344</p>

Weekly	<p>Tactile literacy mediums: Braille and Moon</p> <p>Where the child/school requires direct tuition, modelling, targeted training and interventions to support learning through the tactile mediums of pre-braille, braille/tactile diagrams and moon these visits will form part of the core offer.</p>	No charge
A1 Multi-weekly	<p>If the decision of the referral visit is A1 the child/school /family will need intensive input of multiple weekly visits during term time or blocks of high level targeted intervention. To include direct teaching modelling/ training interventions targeted interventions based on assessment outcomes and phone guidance. In addition collaboration with Paediatric Vision Services and wider multiagency working. We may attend clinic/home in lieu of a visit if there is an identified need.</p> <p>Tactile literacy mediums: Braille and Moon</p> <p>Where the child/school requires direct tuition, modelling, targeted training and interventions to support learning through the tactile mediums of pre-braille, braille/tactile diagrams and moon these visits will form part of the core offer.</p>	<p>To be multiplied by the number of visits.</p> <p>Weekly Cost= £4731 (1.5)</p> <p>Year 1= £1577</p> <p>Year2= £3154</p> <p>Year 3=£2344</p> <p>No charge</p>
As part of fortnightly/ weekly/multi weekly visits	<p>Adapted curriculum resources</p> <p>The child may need access to enlarged and/or modified curriculum resources which can't be photo-enlarged. Day to day resources will be the responsibility of the school. A teacher of the visually impaired will assess the child's need for modified/enlarged long form resources and advise on their provision.</p> <p>Resource production training for key staff where equipment/software is provided and recommended by a teacher of the visually impaired.</p> <p>Advice will be provided to the school on accessing electronic copies of textbooks where appropriate.</p>	Not charged
As part of fortnightly/ weekly/multi weekly visits	<p>Assistive Technology</p> <p>Assessment; There may be a need for an assistive technology assessment and initial usage training for key school staff in collaboration with the ICT Assessment Service.</p> <p>The provision and maintenance of the equipment will be part of the core offer providing the recommended tuition to enable both staff and the child's and key staff use is purchased.</p>	<p>To be included as part of the package of visits.</p> <p>No charge</p>
As part of fortnightly/ weekly/multi weekly visits	<p>Mobility Training</p> <p>Following an assessment the teacher of the visually impaired may identify the need for the child/young person to be referred for a programme of mobility training. The school will be made aware of any referral and whether the training will take place in school or at the child/young person's home.</p>	Not charged

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<p>In addition to fortnightly/ weekly/ multi weekly visits</p>	<p>Recommended Training</p> <p>Child specific VI training should be implemented for staff working directly with the child/young person.</p> <p>Multi-weekly children should have access to annual training.</p> <p>Either SENCO /teacher and LSA involved will be expected to attend whole day training.</p> <p>Resource production training for key staff where equipment/software is provided and recommended by a teacher of the visually impaired.</p>	<p>Included in the visit package.</p> <p>Full day INSET=£54</p> <p>No charge</p>
<p>Out of county children (A1)</p>	<p>If the child is assessed as needing out of county specialist provision appropriate to all their needs. Where provision is specialist for VI children/young people the placement is monitored by VSS and SENA.</p> <p>For placements not specialising in visual impairment, VSS would offer training at the point of transition and monitoring through attendance and contribution to annual reviews.</p> <p>The child may need the ongoing provision and maintenance of assistive technology and associated technical support. This would be reviewed annually by the ICT Assessment Service.</p> <p>There may a further need for a programme of mobility training in the school holidays/ outside of school placement. Existing provision/ a new referral would be made in response to an annual review meeting.</p> <p>Additional training</p> <p>If a non-specialist out of county VI placement has additional training needs a bespoke programme of training can be offered.</p>	<p>No Charge</p>

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