WELSH HEALTH CIRCULAR



Issue Date: 21st April 2015

STATUS: Compliance

CATEGORY: POLICY				
Title: Children's Vision Wales Pathway (4-5 year olds)				
Date of Expiry / Review N/A				
For Action by: Health Boards and NHS Trusts	Action required by: Immediate			
Sender: Welsh Government				
DHSS Welsh Government Contact(s) : Sarah O'Sullivan-Adams				
Salah O Sullivan-Adams				

Head of Audiology and Ophthalmic Policy Directorate of Health Policy Sarah.o'sullivan-adams@wales.gsi.gov.uk

Enclosure(s): None

Children's Vision Wales Pathway (4- 5 year olds)

This pathway has been developed by the Children's Vision Wales Advisory Group which was formed from orthoptists and optometrists from each health board in Wales.

The aim is to provide a flexible auditable pathway for school screening with onward referral to primary or secondary care to allow for the continuation of existing systems that were already working effectively. A national training package for health care support workers has also been developed.

The pathway also reflects the Minister for Health and Social Services' vision for prudent health in working towards:

- Achieving health and wellbeing with the public, patients and professionals as equal partners through co-production;
- Caring for those with the greatest health need first, making the most effective use of all skills and resources;
- Doing only what is needed, no more, no less; and doing no harm.
- Reducing inappropriate variation using evidence based practices consistently and transparently.

The pathway was endorsed by the Wales Eye Health Steering Group in February 2015.

