

Functional Visual Assessment Clinic

Information for parents and carers

What is the Functional Visual Assessment Clinic?

The Functional Visual Assessment Clinic carries out an assessment of your child's functional vision (i.e. how your child uses their vision in day to day activities) by a number of different professionals at the same time.

Who is in the team?

- A **Paediatrician** with experience in functional visual assessment
- An **Orthoptist** who carries out the vision assessment to look at distance vision, near vision and how the eyes work together
- A **visiting teacher for Visual Impairment** may be present for some clinics and will observe how your child uses their vision when looking at print/books.

There may be another professional or student observing the clinic. You will be asked if you are happy for this to occur. If you would prefer not, please tell the team.

How long will the appointment last?

Each appointment lasts for up to 1 hour 15 minutes.

How should I prepare for the appointment?

You may find it helpful to write down any concerns or questions about your child's vision and development and bring them with you.

Please also bring:

- **Glasses** – if they have them
- Your child's red 'Parent Held Record' book
- A snack and drink for your child
- One of your child's favourite toys
- Reading/picture book.

Due to the nature of the appointment, please do not bring siblings or other children, if possible.

Who do I contact if I cannot attend?

Please contact the appointments team on **0131 536 0191** from 08:30 – 17:00 (Monday – Thursday) and 08:30 – 16:30 (Friday) as soon as possible if you cannot attend your appointment.

What happens after the appointment?

- A joint report will be produced by the Paediatrician and the orthoptist
- We will share the report with you and involved professionals with your consent
- A few weeks after the clinic a Multiagency Support Plan (MASP) will be produced, where necessary, with information about your child's vision from health, education and voluntary sector input. This report will be shared with you.

Public transport and travel information

Bus details available from: Lothian Buses on 0131 555 6363 or www.lothianbuses.co.uk
Traveline Scotland on 0871 200 2233 or www.travelinescotland.com

Train details available from: National Rail Enquiries on 03457 484 950 or www.nationalrail.co.uk

Patient Transport

Patient Transport will only be made available if you have a medical/clinical need. Telephone **0300 123 1236** (calls charged at local rate) up to 28 days in advance to book, making sure you have your CHI number available which you can find on your appointment letter. Hard of hearing or speech impaired? Use text relay: **18001-0300 123 1236** (calls charged at local rate). To cancel patient transport, telephone 0800 389 1333 (Freephone 24 hr answer service).