

What is VINCYP?

VINCYP, the Visual Impairment Network for Children and Young People, is a National Managed Clinical Network established in April 2014 to focus on improving health service provision for children and young people with visual impairment in Scotland.

What is the purpose of the VINCYP Clinical Audit System?

It is a computerised database of children and young people with visual impairment living in Scotland. Information about you / your child will be entered, with the aim of improving treatment and services for children and young people with visual impairment. It will hold information that will also help professionals who support you/your child to do this better. Any information used for planning services will not identify individual patients.

What sort of information is collected?

The information we need to collect will include you or your child's diagnosis, visits to eye clinics, results of eye tests general health information and tests or services requested as well as name, date of birth and CHI.

Why have I been chosen?

You or your child is looked after in a clinic run by professionals working as part of Visual Impairment Network for Children and Young People in Scotland.

What do I have to do?

You will be asked at your clinic appointment to sign a form to agree for you or your child's information to be stored on the

VINCYP - CAS Database and for the information to be shared with other professionals who could help you/your child. The information will be stored in a secure centralised computer. Information will be shared with other professionals who see you/your child or who you are being referred to. This may include education professionals like specialist VI teachers, habilitation specialists, social workers, and workers from voluntary organisations like your local VI Society, RNIB, or Guide Dogs who may be able to help you/your child.

Who manages the database?

National Services Division (NSD), NHS National Services Scotland has a Project Board who provides overall management of the VINCYP Clinical Audit System. Professionals from the health service in your area will enter the information

How is patient confidentiality guaranteed?

You or your child's participation will be kept strictly confidential and all information will be handled in exactly the same way hospitals handle all other patient information. We will use an internal NHS computer network that will have no access to other networks outside the NHS in Scotland. The system will be password protected and only health professionals who are directly involved with VINCYP will have access.

Although only health staff has direct access to this database it is important that information is shared with others so that better care and services can be provided. Signing the form will allow your doctors and others to give information to the people who help you day to day.

Who has reviewed the creation of VINCYP CAS?

VINCYP Data Group, the Scottish Department of Health, Scottish National Caldicott Guardians who are responsible for patient information security and The Clinical Audit System Project Board.

What should I do if I want my data to be stored and shared with others who need it?

You should discuss this with your orthoptist, eye doctor or paediatrician and sign the form provided.

This leaflet can be made available in other languages and other formats (eg larger print) on request from the MCN office.

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INFORMATION LEAFLET ON VINCYP CLINICAL AUDIT SYSTEM

