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

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## **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.



