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Our Children in Focus 2019 report

28 times

Children with learning disabilities are 28 times more likely to have eye sight problems than other children

This report is about our eye testing in 11 special schools.

We have seen nearly 1500 children.

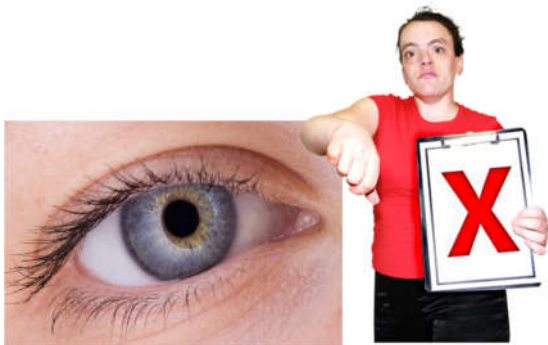We have given over 3500 eye tests and fitted over 1700 pairs of glasses!

We found that half of children in special schools have a problem with their eye sight.

A third of children needed glasses.

Needing glasses but not having them is the world's biggest cause of sight loss.

Not every child with a learning disability is getting eye care.

4 in 10 children had never had a sight test

We found a lot of children are having to go to hospital for eye tests.

Parents said they find it difficult to know where to take their children for eye tests or how they will be done.

If children don't have the eye care or glasses they need, they might not be able to see their classroom.

We told the NHS about the eye care problems that we found in special schools.

Children, teachers and parents really like the eye care in the school.

They like having information on eye care explained to them.

We joined up with lots of people with learning disabilities and people that work in eye care to run a campaign for eye tests and glasses in all special schools.

Our study is now so big we published our research so it can be read across the world.

The NHS has said it will now put in a plan for eye care in special schools in England in 2020.

Thank you everyone for supporting our campaign!