

**VIEW 2025: Conference Programme**

**Thursday 13th March**

10.30 **Welcome**

John Milligan, conference chair

10.40 **Dr Ian McCubbin**, **Chartered Clinical Psychologist,** **Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust**

The emotional wellbeing of children and young people with vision impairment: perspectives from clinical practice and research

11.25 **Sarah Hughes, QTVI and Head of Vision Impairment Education, and Lisa Reynolds, QTVI, SenCom (SE Wales), Andrea Davies, Specialist Education Officer, Guide Dogs**

Teaching Positive Self-advocacy Skills - Where do I start?

12.10 **Exhibitor introductions**

12.40 **Lunch and Exhibition**

2.00 **Anna Pilson, Lecturer in Vision Impairment Education, University of Birmingham and MQ Alumni**The QTVI as practitioner-researcher: importance, ideas and impact (a panel discussion)

3:00 **Caireen Sutherland**

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4.15 **Tea and social + VIEW AGM**

5.15 **Updates from the field**

5.45/6:00 **Close**

6.30 **Exhibition and wine reception (wine in Exhibition Hall)**

7.30 **Conference Evening Buffet**

**Friday 14th March**

9.00 **Introduction**

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9.10 **Joao Roe, QTVI and Head of Sensory Support Service, Bristol**

The importance of play and social interaction to nurture self-regulation and autonomy in Children and Young People with vision impairment

* 1. **Workshops session 1**

1. **LOOK UK – Engaging with Families.** Charlotte Milburn, Mentor Project Officer, LOOK UK
2. **Teaching SSI students to use cursor and heading navigation skills effectively when using a screen reader in Microsoft Word.** Rupert Ephithite, QTVI, Virtual School Sensory Support, Norfolk County Council
3. **Struggling Readers – Strategies and Resources.** Jean Weiss, Vision Impairment Team Lead, Berkshire Sensory Consortium Service
4. **PE and access for severe VI.** Simon Kerrigan, QTVI, RNIB.
5. **Making Science Accessible** Judith Boal, QTVI, Jordanstown School and Will Stark, Assistant Principal: Curriculum, Teaching & Learning, New College Worcester
6. **Morning slot: Nystagmus-friendly learning materials for Key Stage 1.** Sue Ricketts, Executive Information and Development Manager, Nystagmus Network **Afternoon slot:** **Heads of VI Services discussion forum.** Facilitated by: Joanne Appleton, Coventry City, and Mel Boxall, Worcestershire County Council.
7. **Beyond the Eyes: Cortical / Cerebral Vision Impairment.** Sarah Hovington, QTVI, Telford and Wrekin

10.50 **Coffee**

11.20 **Michelle Jones, Head of Sensory Support, Seashell**

Working collaboratively to ensure the VI child with complex needs can best meet their educational outcomes within the mainstream nursery environment

12.00 **Workshops session 2** (see above)

1. **Lunch**

2.00 **Liz Clery**

My career in social science

2.50 **Summing up**

John Milligan

3.00 **Close**