

**VIEW 2025: Conference Programme**

**Thursday 13th March 2025**

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

11.20 **Sarah Hughes, QTVI and Head of Vision Impairment Education, and Lisa Reynolds, QTVI, SenCom (SE Wales)**

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

12.00 **Reflections on the morning**

12.15 **Exhibitor introductions**

12.40 **Lunch and Exhibition**

2.00 **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

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

3.40 **VIEW update**

VIEW Chair/Vice Chair

4.00 **Tea and social + VIEW AGM**

5.00 **Updates from the field**

5.45 **Close**

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

7.30 **Conference Evening Buffet**

**Friday 14th March 2025**

9.00 **Introduction**

John Milligan, conference chair

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. **Assistive technology session (topic to be confirmed):** 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.** (working title) 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): Heads of VI Services discussion.** TBC.  
   **\*(Afternoon slot):** **Nystagmus-friendly learning materials for Key Stage 1** Sue Ricketts, Executive Information and Development Manager, Nystagmus Network
7. **Cortical Vision Impairment / Cerebral Vision Impairment – a new assessment tool to support practitioners to reduce barriers to learning (a discussion around the CVI protocol as developed by the Perkins School for the Blind).** Sarah Hovington, QTVI, Telford and Wrekin

10.50 **Coffee**

11.20 **Caireen Sutherland, Programme Lead and Senior lecturer MQ MSI, Seashell**

Celebrating the CFVI

1. **Workshops session 2** (see above)

1.00 **Lunch**

2.00 **Liz Clery**

My career in social science

2.50 **Summing up**

John Milligan

3.00 **Close**