

ChildVision Location Map, Dublin



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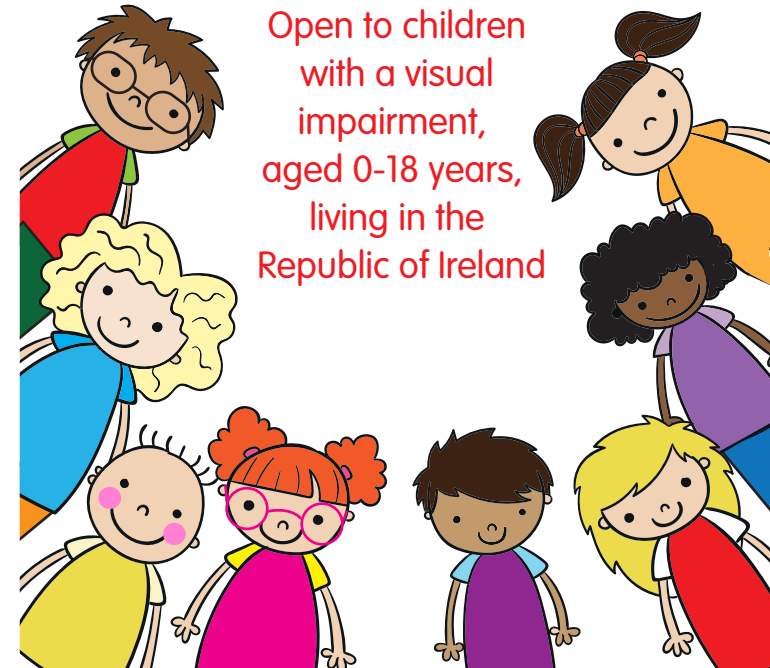
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To be eligible for assessment, the applicant must have either:

- A Visual Acuity of 6/18 or less not corrected by glasses
- A Visual Field Loss
- A neurological condition that impacts visual functioning, e.g., Cerebral Visual Impairment (CVI)

OR

- A potential deterioration/progressive visual condition.

To apply for an Assessment

Simply fill in the **National Assessment Screener Form** on our website, www.childvision.ie, and provide supporting documentation from either an ophthalmologist, neurologist or paediatrician outlining the applicant's visual difficulties.

The assessments on offer at ChildVision include the following:

1. Dynamic Multidisciplinary Team Assessments

The assessment team aims to provide ongoing, specialist, dynamic assessment for those aged 0-18 years with a diagnosis of optical or neurological visual impairment by profiling their individual needs so that they can be better supported at a local level within their community.

2. Adapted Psychology Assessments

The Psychology Service in ChildVision provides cognitive assessments for children who are blind or who have a visual impairment, where vision is their primary difficulty and where specialist equipment and adaptation are needed in order for them to access the testing material.

If the child is actively attending Psychology in the community or in a hospital setting, consultations can be arranged with their local Psychologist to determine if a specialist assessment is needed.

Children who have undergone a cognitive assessment should not be retested for a minimum of two years.

3. Autism Spectrum Disorder or Blindisms; A differential diagnosis assessment

The team, experienced in supporting those with optical or neurological visual impairments, have additional training in completing the Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule (ADOS).

The ADOS, considered the gold standard for assessing Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), will be used as an assessment tool, alongside the Autism Diagnostic Interview Revised (ADIR) and specialist clinical skills to ascertain if there is an additional diagnosis of ASD alongside the child's visual impairment.

4. Functional Vision Assessments

This assessment looks at how the child uses their vision skills and aims to make practical suggestions on how to maximise their visual abilities.

