

## Mobility Policy and Procedure

The Service's qualified mobility specialist offers support which aims to ensure pupils' safe movement and travel within their educational placement whilst also increasing their independence. Referrals are made by the Service's specialist teachers after consultation with parents and placement staff for pupils:

- with significantly reduced measurements of vision
- with significantly reduced visual fields
- with deteriorating vision
- who are due to change their current educational placement

The mobility specialist works closely with the Service's teachers, parents and placement staff to:

- assess pupils' abilities and identify any current training needs
- devise individualised training programmes (if required) suitable for the pupil's age and ability
- advise and train school/setting staff so they can support and develop the programmes
- prepare pupils for changes in their placements by:
  - (a) assessing the safety and accessibility of a new site
  - (b) familiarising them with a new site (including college of further education) or a new area within the same school (e.g. infant to junior area),
- teach specific routes within school
- teach the route between home and school (for pupils not using school transport)
- teach cane skills
- support the use of manual and powered wheelchairs
- prepare students for work experience placements
- make referrals to the Childrens' Disability Team for mobility skills training at home