

Colour Vision Deficiency



Colour Vision Deficiency (CVD) affects the way a person perceives colour.

1 in 12 males and 1 in 200 females have CVD.

The educational needs of these children often go unnoticed.

Please read the Northumberland Sensory Support Service's leaflet on Colour Vision Deficiency which outlines how CVD affects children and young people in school and recommendations for support.

Please Note.

The NHS recommends that children should have their vision tested every two years. This test is free for all children under the age of 16. However, the NHS eye test for children DOES NOT routinely include a Colour Vision Deficiency test. This means that there are a large number of children and young people with undiagnosed CVD in schools!

Please encourage parents and guardians to take their children for a regular eye test. Encourage them to ask for a CVD test as part of that assessment, particularly if it has been noticed that the child has difficulty with colour.