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**Optimum VI Project:
Early Development and
Support of Babies and Young
Children with a Visual
Impairment**



Project Aims

The early months of life into the toddler years are a very important time for assisting and supporting the development of children with vision loss/ visual impairment.

The aim of this study is to learn more about the early development of babies and young children with vision loss/ visual impairment and also how different methods of early intervention and care might best help this early development.

We would like to tell you more about the study to help you decide if you would like to participate. If you choose to participate we would involve both you and your early years practitioner, such as your specialist teacher for visual impairment.



What the Project Entails

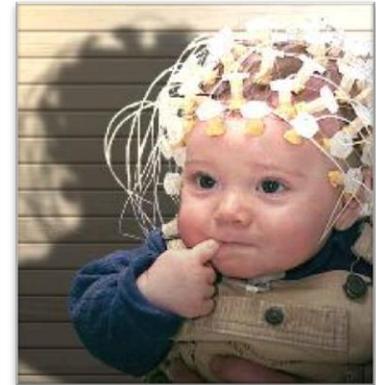
The project will last for up to three years with contact once per year with the research team. The researchers could either visit you at home or you could visit us in London with expenses reimbursed.



During visits, we will assess your child's general developmental level and level of functional vision using play based assessments, a videotaped play session between you and your child, and questionnaires.



If you are able to come to London we will also look at brain electrical activity while your child listens to sounds such as laughter or their name being called. We do this using a special 'hairnet' like the one in this photo.



Eligibility

We are currently looking for babies and infants with severe visual loss/ visual impairment who are aged 6 – 15 months to participate and help us with the project.

This is a national study and we would like to hear from families all over the United Kingdom. We are keen to have babies starting as young as possible.

If you have any questions or would like to hear more, please contact us.