

How does CVISTA become involved with my child?

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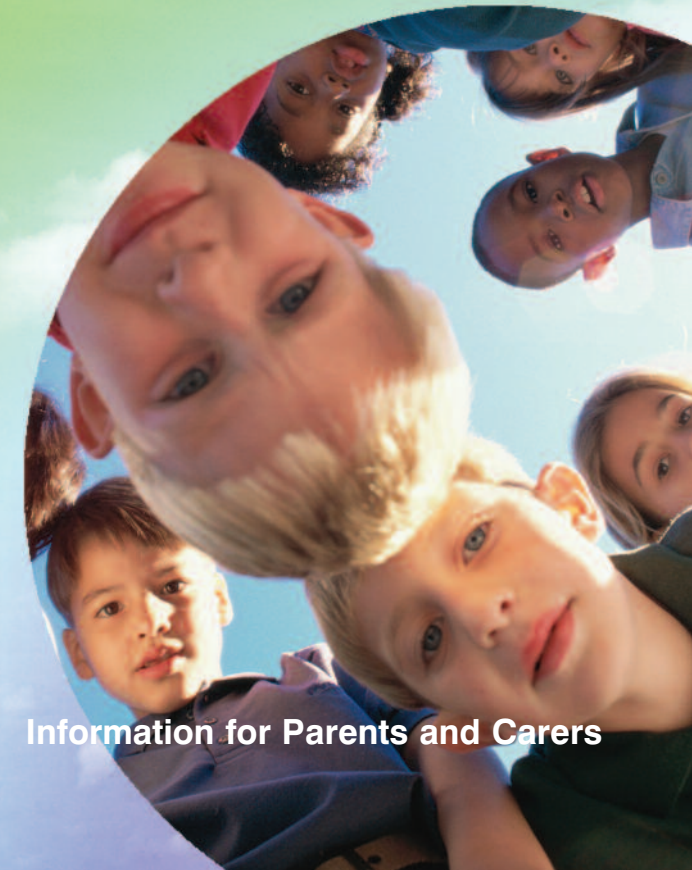
Guide Dogs



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ANGUS CVISTA

Children's Visual Impairment
Services Tayside Agencies



Information for Parents and Carers

What is CVISTA?

CVISTA stands for Children's Visual Impairment Services Tayside Agencies.

It is a team of professionals from the different agencies in Angus who provide specialist services for children with visual impairment.

Who is involved?

The agencies include:

- NHS Tayside
- Angus Council
- The Forfarshire Society for the Blind
- RNIB Scotland
- Parent to Parent
- Sense Scotland
- Guide Dogs
- Pamis

How will CVISTA help my child?

The CVISTA team aims to ensure that your child receives excellent care from professionals who communicate with each other and who work together for the benefit of your child. This means that your child should not miss out on any support or service that would be of benefit to him or her.

How does it work?

With your consent the appropriate professionals will meet to discuss your child's progress and produce a CVISTA Plan for him or her. This plan helps professionals co-ordinate the support and services your child may require and is regularly reviewed and updated. Any recommendations or proposed actions will be discussed with yourself before they are carried out. The plan will be shared with the head teacher of your child's nursery or school.

What information will the CVISTA team discuss?

The CVISTA team will discuss:

- the cause of your child's visual difficulties and the way in which their vision is affected.
- services currently provided and the progress he or she is making.
- any concerns you wish to raise with the team
- any other services which may be of benefit to your child.

All information shared between professionals will be related to the management of your child's visual impairment and is confidential.

What type of recommendations does the CVISTA team make?

- The team may suggest your child has a specialist assessment such as a Functional Vision and Low Vision Aid assessment or an Orientation and Mobility assessment.
- The team may recommend particular support in terms of equipment and strategies which would benefit your child in school, at home and in the community.
- The team may suggest involving other specialists in your child's care.

Any recommendations or proposed actions will be discussed with you before they are carried out.

Does a CVISTA Plan replace an Individualised Education Plan (IEP) or Co-ordinated Support Plan (CSP)?

No, the CVISTA Plan can give your child's school valuable information to help draw up an Individualised Educational Plan or Co-ordinated Support Plan for your child if this is required.