

The extended optometry service for adult patients with learning disabilities

Sutton and Merton PCT today launched a new service to help people with learning disabilities have regular sight tests. The PCT has worked with optometrists, learning disability teams and the charity See Ability to enable optometrists who are specially trained to work with people with learning disabilities sufficient time to complete appropriate sight tests, according to the patients individual needs.

The service is available to all adults in Sutton and Merton who are eligible for an NHS sight test and have an 'I Count' card, which can be obtained free by anyone with a learning disability. For further information on the 'I Count' scheme please visit www.i-count.org or www.registerservices.nhs.uk

The following documents have been produced to help people with learning disabilities with their eye tests - '*Telling the Optometrist About me*' and '*The Optometrist Feedback About My Eye Test*' along with 'A list of the Optometrists providing the service' and information leaflets from the learning disabilities teams in Sutton and Merton are also available.

These can be downloaded at www.suttonandmerton.nhs.uk – for more information about the service go to www.lookupinfo.org or contact Sutton and Merton learning disability teams.

Sutton Team for People with Learning Disabilities - Telephone 0208 770 4981

Merton Team for People with Learning Disabilities - Telephone 0208 545 4490

To improve information sharing about a person's sight and the result of the person's eye examination see the following documents from SeeAbility and Sutton and Merton PCT:

[Telling the Optometrist About me](#)
[Optometrists providing the service](#)
[Merton Team for Learning Disabilities leaflet](#)
[Sutton Team for Learning Disabilities leaflet](#)
[Feedback from optometrist about my eye test](#)

Click [here](#) to find more information about SeeAbility