Consultation Response Form

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Question 1: Do you feel this is a service that is needed by pupils attending special schools in Wales?
Comment: Yes. Children with learning disabilities are more likely to experience eye health problems, and the research outlined in the consultation paper highlights a clear need for eye tests to be offered to pupils who are learning in a special school setting.

Question 2: Can you suggest any alternative models for meeting the needs of these children?

Question 3: Do you have any comments or ideas about how the proposed service may be improved?
The proposed service appears to be very comprehensive. The service may be improved by ensuring that the Special School Opthalmic teams liaise closely with special school nurses. The Royal College of Nursing in Wales may receive further feedback following the implementation of the proposals and can offer to share any subsequent comments.

Question 4: Do you foresee any problems with the service proposed?

It is important to ensure that the service proposed is given sufficient support in terms of staffing, funding and other necessary resources required by the Special School Opthalmic teams.

Question 5: Do you have any comments regarding the process of collecting consent for the eye examinations?

Question 6: We have asked a number of specific questions. If you have any related issues which we have not specifically addressed, please use this space to report them.

Comment*:*
For comparison, it would be helpful to know the percentage of children in mainstream education who have not had an eye test at the same age, and the percentage of those who then require glasses. This would facilitate analysis of whether the proposed eye testing service should be offered in all schools.

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