# Using the certification and registration poster

### Where it came from

In 2013 RNIB, the Royal College of Ophthalmologists and Vision 2020 developed and delivered 15 CVI ophthalmology training workshops across England. The training sessions were as a result of a research paper produced by RNIB on 'The Certification and Registration Processes: Stages, barriers and delays' (2012).

The aims of the workshops were to raise the awareness of certification and registration, the roles and responsibilities of staff and support services and how the low vision pathway works in the local region and what improvements could be made. The need for a poster was suggested at one of the workshops.

### What is the poster about?

The text has been developed to make the patient stop and think about their individual visual and social situation. It provides empowerment to the patient to ask for more information about certification, registration and support services. The poster also promotes and provides the contact information for internal eye clinic support, where available. Where there is no existing service, it can be used to provide contact information for local support services.

### How to use the poster

The poster is to be displayed appropriately in various eye clinic waiting rooms. Before displaying the poster, it is important to highlight the poster to all eye clinic staff and ensure they know and understand the low vision pathway/procedure in your hospital. This will allow efficient direction or engagement with patients.

The empty box on the poster can be used to provide details (name and telephone) of the Eye Clinic Liaison Officer (ECLO) or patient support officer if they are available in your eye clinic. Details of the local visual impairment rehabilitation team or voluntary society could also be inserted in this box. It is recommended that you make contact with this team prior to displaying their details out of courtesy.