



Update for HOSS Conference, October 2018

VIEW represents the interests and needs of children and young people with vision impairment across the United Kingdom. VIEW is a membership association open to Qualified Teachers of children and young people with vision impairment (QTVI) and other professionals with an interest in the field of vision impairment.

Key development activities

- **Membership:** This is currently around 320 and includes many trainee QTVIs.
- **Research:** VIEW has recruited a volunteer Research Officer who is supporting us to increase output in this important area of work.
- **Website:** this is regularly updated and promoted with regular social media campaigns.
- **VIEW Ambassador:** We have recruited Amar Latif www.amarlatif.com to promote VIEW's work and help raise our profile.
- **VIEW sponsors:** Guide Dogs and Dolphin have recently joined our existing sponsors for 2018.
- **CPD activities:** VIEW's online training courses for education professionals continue to be successful, with around 80 current students. The courses include:
 - an accredited level 3 BTEC course for teaching assistants
 - an in-depth course for teachers of VI to support their teaching of braille literacy
 - a short self-study course for education professionals and parents
 - a short self-study course in vision impairment and complex needs
- **Exam access:** We developed a free online course in exam access arrangements, in conjunction with BATOD, as part of the 2017-18 NatSIP contract with DfE. We also carried out a survey of access issues in this summer's GCSE exams which we are feeding back to the exam boards.
- **Publications:** VIEW's termly newsletters are well received – on average they are opened by 60% of recipients.
- **Learner outcomes project.** We are currently working with Birmingham University and Gwent VI service to develop and evaluate a model for delivering specialist provision in line with the VI Learner Outcomes.
- **National Conference.** The 2018 residential conference was attended by 140 people and received very positive evaluations. Planning is well underway for the 2019 VIEW conference to be held in Birmingham on 14-15 March.

For further information go to www.viewweb.org.uk