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Access for Blind or Partially Sighted Patients

This policy applies to patients who are blind or partially sighted and need to attend a treatment centre or require a home visit because of their disability.

The shift Team Leader should ascertain whether the patient is able to attend a treatment centre. Considerations should be:

- Whether the patient has a partner/carer who can bring them to the centre.
- Is confident and able to travel to the centre unaccompanied.
- Assess the risk to the patient if they have to attend the centre without a partner/carer given their presenting conditions.
- Is there provision for the patient's guide dog.
- What actions or information is needed to assist an unaccompanied person to locate the centre.
- Is it safe to allow the patient to leave the centre and make their way home or to an alternative place of care.

If the Team Leader is not satisfied that the patient journey to/from the treatment centre is safe then a home visit may be given.