

CVI

Certificate of Vision Impairment Newsletter



Certification Update

- The Certificate of Vision Impairment has been in use since September 2005 in England and the CVI-W is to be launched in Wales later this year.
- For many years analysis of the data has been neglected but we are pleased to announce the establishment of a Certifications Office at Empire House, 136-144 City Road, London EC1V 2QN.
- All CVI's and CVI-W's received at the office will be entered into our system to enable rapid inspection of how many people are newly sight impaired by cause.
- The Certifications Office operates under the auspices of the Royal College of Ophthalmologists and has received three year funding from the Guide Dogs charity.

Next Stages

- We are exploring the use of an additional diagnostic form for paediatric ophthalmologists to complete, should they wish to record diagnoses in greater detail.
- An electronic version of the CVI is currently being piloted at Moorfields Eye Hospital - if you would like to take part email Richard Seeberan: richard.seeberan@ Moorfields.nhs.uk

We are meeting with The Department of Health to give feedback on the new form and would appreciate comments from our members. Please send any feed back to:

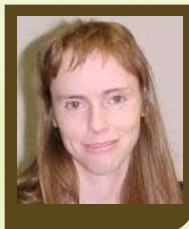
Certifications Office, Empire House, 133-144 City Road, London, EC1V 2QN.

Project Update

A number of issues have been raised and the following suggestions or actions have been provided:

- It is recognised that the form has its drawbacks but we would encourage members to make use of the "Diagnosis not covered in any of the above" box where the cause of vision impairment is not listed.
- To facilitate comparison with previous data sets, we would urge members to identify the main cause of vision impairment as instructed on the form.
- For clarity and in response to a number of comments, The Department of Health have not changed policy with regards to payment for CVI's, other than stating that there would be no payment for certifications via the old BD8 forms.
- Our certifications office may be in contact with you (or your secretaries) if there is data missing from the CVI form.

Who is Involved ?



Senior Statistician

Catey Bunce

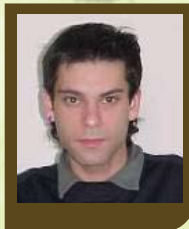
Principal investigator and head statistician for the project.



Assistant Statistician

Wen Xing

Assisting the Senior Statistician on data monitoring and data quality.



Software Developer

Richard Seeberan

Application development. Responsible for all technological aspects of the project and site integration.



Researcher

Anita Chauhan

Coordinator for the CVI project. Including support for the ECVI at pilot sites, coding and transcribing data.



Research Assistant

Lindsay Jenkins

Coding and transcribing data from the CVI forms to the CVI database.