

Wales Vision Forum is an informal group comprising regional and local sight loss charities. They work collaboratively to deliver projects that require a consensual approach to their design.

An example of this is the Wales Vision Forum website. The site was commissioned by the Forum as a portal to the key services that people who have lost some or all of their sight might encounter as they work their way through the statutory and third sector support services.

The information at the site has been curated by the Forum to form a trustworthy source, and the list of contacts and services are maintained by Wales Council of the Blind at their online database, Perspectif. So, the WVF website can be regarded as a shop window into a fuller list given at Perspectif.

There is a section on the range of support available to patients - based on the RNIB's work on their Eye Care Support Pathway - which takes the patient through the various stages: high street optometry; the eye clinic; the Vision Rehabilitation Specialist; and the Third Sector.

There is a section for the WGOS services, produced with support from the National Clinical Leads, that includes links to the listed services on Perspectif. This means the patient has access to their nearest practitioners for the Low Vision Service, for instance. They have included a section on mobile services, which would be of particular use by optometrists needing to identify a home visiting service for a patient.

Finally, a section called Other Support includes useful third sector providers, information on services for children and young people, falls awareness and prevention, and loneliness and social isolation.

This combination of static information on the Wales Vision Forum site with reviewed and updated information on WCB's Perspectif database provides a robust source of materials to direct patients towards when they need help most urgently.