



## Open Hearts Open Minds

### Sharing Tools Tips & News for a more inclusive Devon

**DID you KNOW** this about eyes & exclusion?



- **Literacy is a problem for 17% of adults in the UK** affecting their ability to learn, earn money and function socially. 5.2 million adults in England are "functionally illiterate" – i.e: would not pass an English GCSE; have literacy levels at or below those expected of an 11-year-old; can understand short straightforward texts on familiar topics accurately and independently, and obtain information from everyday sources, but find reading from unfamiliar sources or about unfamiliar topics causes problems
- **1 in 6 children leave school with inadequate literacy skills.** Part of the problem is key workers don't know enough about complicating eye disorders that affect 1 in 5 of us, and cause trouble with vision, concentration, mood and balance
- **If you are on the list below, you could help tackle the problem,** by learning how to identify these visual disorders and refer cases to the specialists. Are you on this list? :- **Teacher Learning Support Assistant School Nurse Doctor Physio Mental Health Professional Basic Skills Advisor Prison Governor / Education worker Probation Officer Youth Worker Parent.** If you are, listen to the audio tracks at <http://www.2020true.com/>

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