

# Low Vision Clinic

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# Low Vision in later life

- Patient has enjoyed good vision for perhaps 70 – 80 years.
- Good vision taken for granted.
- When vision is impaired and no treatment is possible it is a devastating blow.
- There may be other problems associated with aging – arthritis, hearing loss, infirmity, loss of mobility, loneliness.

# Typical patients comments

“ I’m desperate”

“ *scared for the future*”

“frightened”

“ *will I go blind?*”

“I’m depressed”

“ *why me? Is it something I’ve done?*”

“*embarrassed*”

“How will I cope ?”

“ashamed”

“I’m losing my independence”

“I’ve no confidence”

“I’m useless now”

“I’ll pay anything if it will help”

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# Filters



- Eyes more comfortable in bright light
- Can make vision sharper in bright light

# Contrast enhancement filters



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- Can give better definition by increasing contrast



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# What patients cannot expect

- New spectacles to improve vision
- Restoration of vision
- Low vision aids as good as normal eyesight
- Miracles !!!



# Importance of a good Low Vision Service

- It is usually the last resort
- It can improve the quality of life
- It can increase choice
- It can help life to be as normal as possible
- It can help patients keep independence  
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