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Transitions Study: longitudinal study from age 14 of blind and partially sighted young people in the UK

The Visual Impairment Centre for Teaching and Research (VICTAR) at the University of Birmingham is undertaking a 5-year longitudinal study. The current phase of the project which runs from 2012-2015 is funded by the Nuffield Foundation (http://www.nuffieldfoundation.org/) and is looking at the transition of blind and partially sighted young people from the age of 14 years of age through to employment or further education.

The key objectives of the project are:

- To track the process of transition for blind and partially sighted young people from age 14 for the next five years.
- To identify the roles of professionals involved.
- To identify the factors that improve or reduce a young person's chances of gaining employment.

The project involves a survey of blind and partially sighted young people in school year 9 and 11. It also involves follow-up interviews with some of the young people once they have finished year 11. This project is planned to run from 2010 to 2015.

Listen to Dr Graeme Douglas discussing the project on BBC Radio 4 programme 'In Touch' (October 2012) (http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio/player/b01ng83f)

Research outputs

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