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| 1  | Full  | 22 and 57  | Line 19<br>Section 4.5.7   | <p>We recognise why the draft focuses on the particular conditions that it does and also understand the decision to refer to “other health assessments” together in this section. However, we wanted to emphasise the importance of regular eye examinations, every 12-24 months depending on risk, exactly as is the case for the rest of the population. There are two main reasons:</p> <p>A sight test can identify and enable the correction of refractive error. Undetected refractive error can contribute to delayed learning and literacy issues, which in turn can limit a person’s ability to engage in a variety of social and economic activities. Recognising that there is some variation in the estimates due to different ways of assessing literacy and choice of comparator group, it is commonly agreed that literacy among prisoners is poorer than that of the wider population outside prison.<br/> <a href="http://www.nrdc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/An-assessment-of-the-English-and-maths-skills-levels-of-prisoners-in-England1.pdf">http://www.nrdc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/An-assessment-of-the-English-and-maths-skills-levels-of-prisoners-in-England1.pdf</a></p> <p>An eye examination can also identify both eye disease (glaucoma, cataracts etc) and other pathology (tumours, high blood pressure etc). We suggest that older and long term prisoners in particular should be afforded eye examinations as part of the prison service's duty of care to them.</p> |

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