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*Changes to Neurological Category for 2020-21*

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Following a review of DARE Criteria associated with Blind/Visual Impairment and Deaf/Hard of Hearing in 2019, the consultation process produced the following outcomes which will be implemented for application to the DARE scheme in 2020-21 onwards.

1. Where an applicant meets the other criteria for eligibility for Deaf/Hard of Hearing and presents with Auditory Processing Disorder (APD), then that applicant will be considered under the category of Deaf/Hard of Hearing.

Where an application is made to DARE with a standalone diagnosis of APD, it will be considered as a Neurological Condition (if diagnosed by a Neurologist OR other relevant Consultant. In cases where an applicant is in the care of a Neurologist or another relevant Consultant, the evidence of a disability can be provided by a Registrar who is a member of their team).

2. Where an applicant meets the other criteria for eligibility for Deaf/Hard of Hearing and/or Blind/Vision Impaired and presents with Sensory Processing Disorder (SPD), then that applicant will be considered under the category of Deaf/Hard of Hearing and/or Blind/Vision Impaired.

Where an application is made to DARE with a standalone diagnosis of SPD, it will be considered as a Neurological Condition (if diagnosed by a Neurologist OR other relevant Consultant. In cases where an applicant is in the care of a Neurologist or another relevant Consultant, the evidence of a disability can be provided by a Registrar who is a member of their team).

3. Where an applicant meets the other criteria for eligibility for Blind/Vision Impaired and presents with Cortical Visual Impairment (CVI), then that applicant will be considered under the category of Blind/Vision Impaired.

Where an application is made to DARE with a standalone diagnosis of CVI, it will be considered as a Neurological Condition (if diagnosed by a Neurologist OR other relevant Consultant. In cases where an applicant is in the care of a Neurologist or another relevant Consultant, the evidence of a disability can be provided by a Registrar who is a member of their team).