

Research: A rapid review of evidence relating to service use, experiences, and support needs of adults from minority ethnic communities along the eye care pathway in the United Kingdom

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In 2022, BRAVO VICTOR www.bravovictor.org joined forces with BAME Vision www.bamevision.org.uk, an organisation set up to address the inequalities experienced by people from BAME communities who are blind and partially sighted and those at risk of sight loss. Bravo Victor conducted a rapid evidence review to find out what is known about the experiences of people from minority ethnic communities living with visual impairment in the UK.

Considering the increasing ethnic diversity in the UK and the increased risk of Visual Impairment among minority ethnic communities, there is an urgent need to fill the gaps in the research identified here to gain a better understanding of the experiences of what is an increasing number of people living with V.I. to ensure their needs are met.



Overall, the review showed that there are substantial gaps in the literature relating to their everyday experiences of living with visual impairment, experiences along the eyecare pathway and support needs. Moreover, much of the available evidence was anecdotal. The gaps identified in the review will form the basis of our ongoing research with adults from different minority ethnic communities, which is supported by BAME Vision, Bravo Victor and the Thomas Pocklington Trust. You can now read our

article summarising the findings from the rapid evidence review, co-authored by BAME Vision's Bhavini Makwana, and Bravo Victor's Nikki Heinze & Lee Jones below.

[Read our peer reviewed research paper here](#)