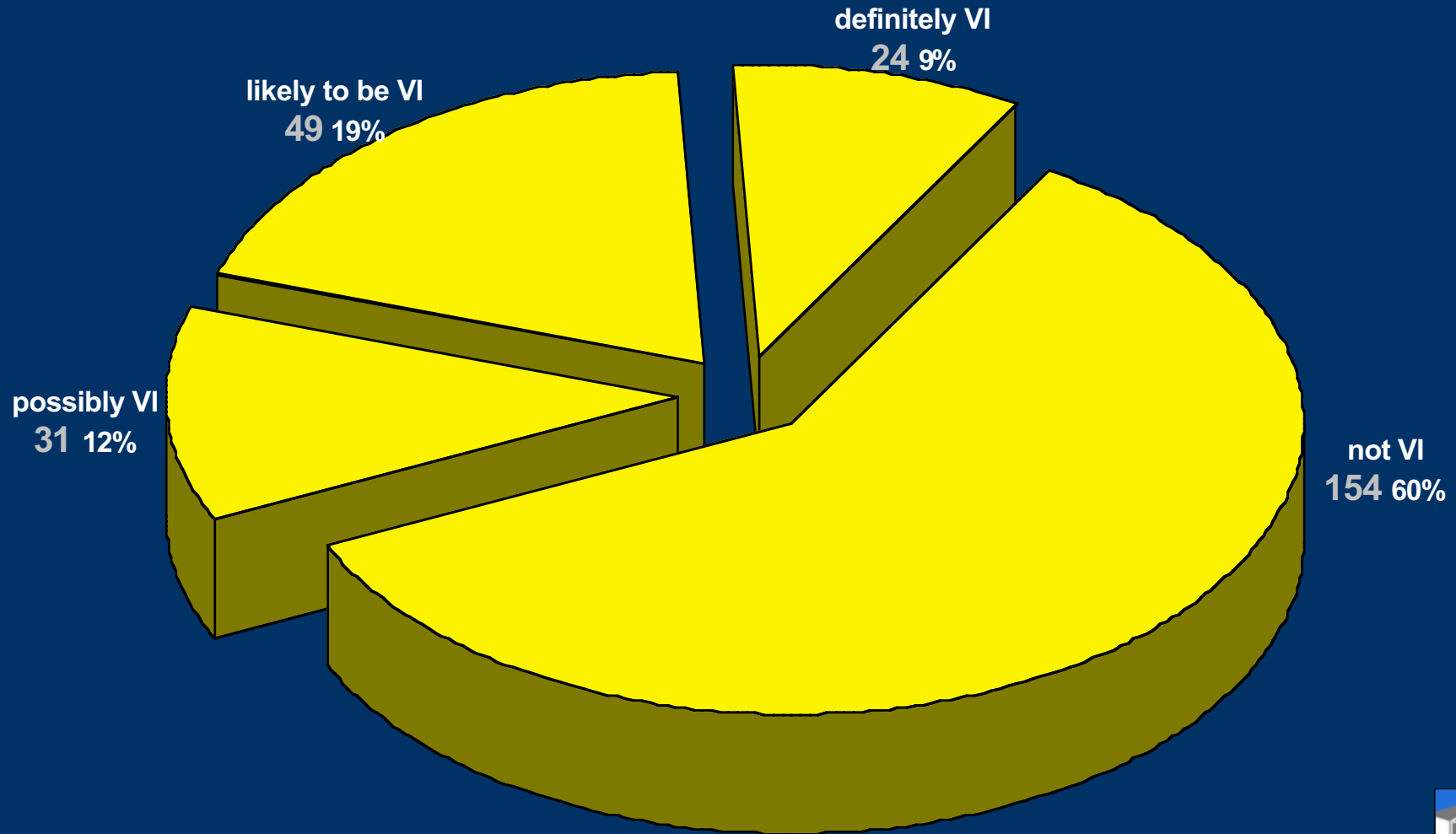


deaf preschool children and group A school pupils in Scotland by classification\* of eyesight issues indicated in survey returns 2000/01 (n=258)



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## Coding System for VI Classification

As suggested by Andrew Blaikie  
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### Not VI

No suggestion that the child should be VI although can't say for **absolute** certainty. Most common category is 'wears glasses'.

### Possibly VI

Condition predisposes to VI, but not enough information to be sure that it is bilateral (eg 'cataracts' – this would only be classed as VI if bilateral).

### Likely to be VI

Condition usually leaves child with some form of bilateral uncorrectable visual difficulty. Most brain conditions included here (eg cerebral palsy [expect 70% have VI] and Downs Syndrome [some argue 90-100% have VI])

### Definitely VI

Description of visual difficulty and condition makes VI a certainty

**Rule of thumb:** VI=6/18 or less (fourth line from bottom of Snellen Chart)