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## Stem cell trial boost for blind

THE blind and partially-sighted have been given new hope after British scientists got the go-ahead for a trial of revolutionary stem cell treatment.

Experts at Moorfields Eye Hospital in London will test the therapy within weeks.

They will inject cells derived from human embryonic stem cells into the eyes of 12 patients with an incurable inherited eye condition, Stargardt's macular dystrophy.

The disease, which affects around one in 10,000, causes gradual loss of central vision.

Professor James Bainbridge, who will be conducting the trials, said: "There is real potential that people with disorders including Stargardt disease and age-related macular degeneration (AMD) might benefit.

"The ability to regenerate retinal cells from stem cells has been a significant advance and the opportunity to help translate such technology into new treatments is hugely exciting."

AMD is Britain's leading cause of sight loss, affecting 500,000.