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It is an old topic. These things happen all the time in Germany, only because people from other countries have been doing sexual attacks, it does not mean that this is only made by other people in other countries. Trials of a pioneering new treatment for common forms of blindness, such as age related macular degeneration, are due to start next year. These trials have been developed after a clinical study showed that a genetic therapy for a rare form of blindness improves the vision of patients that would otherwise have lost their sight. Our Science Correspondent Pallab Ghosh reports. That's it. This is Joe Pepper, a 24-year-old teacher. Until a few months ago he was going blind. But his vision has been saved by a pioneering gene therapy. So, you obviously have done a lot of work, hopefully over the holidays. Joe also teaches history at St John's school in Surrey. Soon after his treatment he was asked to read from a sight chart.

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We read out the letters from the top individually, and I just kept on going and going and going beyond what I had ever done. My research nurse up there came out and was taking me back to the waiting room and she just looked at me and said it was fantastic and we both just had tears in our eyes. I went back and sat next to my dad, he just looked at me and we both literally sat there in each other's arms, realising that actually I had... Sorry... I could see more than I could ever remember seeing, really. So how does the gene therapy work? Right at the back of the eye are cells which detect light and enable us to see. In Joe's case because of a faulty gene these cells had been gradually dying, leaving only the ones in the middle. Doctors stop more cells from dying by injecting working copies of the defective gene into the back of his eye. The treatment also revitalises some of the dying cells, and so has actually improved his sight. What about in the evening and things when the light is low?

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Do you notice any difference? The surgeon leading the research is seeking to begin trials for more common forms of blindness, including age-related macular degeneration. What we have learnt here is how to apply gene therapy successfully in a very rare disease. But of course we would like to apply it to more common forms of blindness and this could indeed be achievable in the next 5-10 years. Common forms of blindness involve more genes and so are harder to treat. But the results so far for Joe and people like him are promising. Pallab Ghosh, BBC News. One of the many things the next President of the United States will have on his or her in-tray will be how to deal with is foreign policy and conflicts, such as Syria. On Wednesday Donald Trump laid out his foreign policy proposals - saying that he wanted to improve relations with Russia from a position of strength. So what does Moscow think of Trump's campaign? The BBC's Steve Rosenberg has been finding out.