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he heaved he is fit again and the escapers Yes he left in it again police know that here this evening the chairman of the trust Mike petter unknowns that he was resigning an inspection of the trust by the care quality Commission will be published tomorrow it is expected to be damning a clinical study has suggested that a genetic therapy could be effective in treating a rare form of blindness researchers found notable improvement in the vision of patients who would otherwise have gone blind they hope that the same method will be approved for trials to treat more common forms of blindness such as macular degeneration are signs correspond pallab ghosh has this exclusive report the experimental treatment has been tried out on 32 patients are a rare form of blindness called for a review you it's caused by inherited faulty gene those who have the disorder gradually lose her sight until they become completely blind

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the past 4 and a half years doctors have treated patients by injecting working copies of the gene into their eyes to try and save this site job pepper the 24 year old teacher was among the 1st patients have had the therapy soon after he was asked to read from a site chart you read out a letter from the top individually and I just kept on going and going and going beyond what we have done we went back to some X one dad he just hit me with both summer and winter was not a good seam bowler can ever remember stay here the scientist leading The trial Professor Robert maclaren from Oxford University says the result shows that this gene therapy works and is long lasting he's developing Julian therapies for more common forms of blindness including age related macular degeneration which affects 600000 people in the UK and is hoping to begin trials on these next here always learn here is how to apply team therapy successfully in every red disease but we like to apply to more

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common form of blindness and this indeed may be achieved within the next 5 to 10 years larger clinical studies will be needed before treatment is widely available the results so far a very promising and suggest that gene therapy can be used to stop people from going blind 4 people have been given permission by a high court judge to bring forward claims for damages against the Sun newspaper for alleged phone hacking the paper's owner news group newspapers has previously settled a large number of cases brought against the now defunct news of the world but has always maintained that was no hacking its sister paper are legal correspondent Clive Coleman reports some 1000 civil claims for damages for hacking by staff at the news of the world have been settled by news group newspapers publishers of the now defunct tabloid and its sister paper the Sun today for the 1st time a judge has allowed for for claimants including the former head of the British Olympic Association's Simon Clegg to extend their claims