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deemed to be a danger to himself or others managed to get out of hospital and escaped to France he was returned to Melbourne a large but escaped a gain is currently missing Dr Lesley stephenson medical director at southern health we don't lock people up we don't run are impatient services as presents but they ended up and for us to take it all back Yes that was deemed to be a danger to himself or two worlds was alone to get to France and Europe Yes this happened and he was returned and safety to the unit of a heave heave heave the escapers Yes he left in it again know that here this evening the chairman of the trust Mike petter announced 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

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P 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 the same method would be approved for trials to treat more common forms of blindness such as macular degeneration science correspondent pallab ghosh has this exclusive report the experimental treatment has been tried out on 32 patients are a rare form of blindness called Kuroda reviewer it caused by inherited faulty gene those who have the disorder gradually lose her sight until they become completely blind 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 Joe 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 he has done and when Bath sonics my dad he just hit me we both sat

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there and in terms not a good thing all and can ever remember he 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 June 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 in Turkey successfully in every red disease but we like to apply to more common form of blindness and this is the great achiever with the next 5 to 10 years larger clinical studies will be needed before treatment is widely available but the results so far a very promising and suggest that gene therapy can be used to stop people from going blind dozens of civilians have been killed during intense fighting between government and rebel forces in the Syrian City of Aleppo as a UN backed ceasefire appears close to collapse in one air strike missiles