

SOCIAL WORK SENSORY SERVICES



SENSORY SERVICES TEAM

INFORMATION FOR PEOPLE WHO
ARE DEAF/HARD OF HEARING OR WHO
HAVE A VISUAL IMPAIRMENT



Sensory Services Team

If you are experiencing difficulties with your sight or hearing you can see a team worker.

The Sensory Services Team consists of:

- **Specialist Worker with Deaf and Hard of Hearing People**
- **Community Care Assessor with Deaf and Hard of Hearing People**
- **Rehabilitation Worker with people who have a visual impairment**

The Sensory Services Team works closely with people who have either low vision or are Deaf (sign language users), deafened or hard of hearing and their carers. You will usually be offered a home visit.

We will meet with you to find out about the kind of help you think you need. We will agree together on what would best support you.

Some people have both a hearing loss and low vision. These factors are taken into account at the initial assessment stage and if necessary the team will work together to offer additional support.

The Team also offers information, advice and guidance. Equipment which may help promote your independence and allow you to remain safe in your home can be demonstrated and may be issued on free loan subject to assessment.

For example:

- **Doorbells**
- **Smoke Alarms**
- **Task Lamps**
- **Writing/Reading Aids**
- **TV Listening**
- **Telephone Equipment**
- **Talking Clocks**
- **Mobility Aids**

If you are experiencing difficulties with your vision, hearing or have a family member, relative or friend who would benefit from contact with The Sensory Services Team, please telephone 01450 364 644

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USEFUL CONTACTS:

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Mobile: text only:

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The Royal National Institute for Deaf People

tel: 0808 808 0123

text: 07360 268 988

Email: contact@rnid.org.uk

Deafblind (Scotland)

tel: 0141 777 6111

text: 07715 421 377

Email: info@deafblindscotland.org.uk

Royal National Institute of Blind People

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