

Equipment, Adaptations & **Sensory Impairment Services**

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With all of us in mind

Prevalence of sight loss in older people

- Almost two million people in the UK are living with sight loss. Approx. 1 in 30. 1 in 5 of people over 75.
- There are more than 11 million people in the UK with some form of hearing loss. Approx. or 1 in 6 of the population. 70% are over 70.
- Approx. 250,000 people in the UK with both hearing loss and sight loss. Of these 220,000 are aged 70 or over.

RNIB & Action on Hearing Loss

Action on Hearing Loss

Local patients

‘In 2011 there were 6860 people living with sight loss in Barnsley. This is set to increase by almost 17% to 7970 by 2020’ (RNIB, www.rnib.org.uk/datatool).

N.B The above figure is based on individuals who have registered /have a Certificate of Visual Impairment (CVI). Not everyone chooses to be registered.

What does our team do?

Role of Sensory Impairment Services

- Functional assessment in the home environment
- Plan and provide training
- Equipment – hearing and visual
- Mobility (e.g. orientation, long cane)
- Daily living skills training
- Communications (e.g. Braille, magnifiers, IT, speech on telephone)
- Eye Clinic Liaison Officer

Free training!

What does it cover?

- Increases awareness of visual/hearing impairment and its impact on your patients
- What you can do to improve your practice
- Guiding skills

What areas of the training did you find particularly useful?

‘Looking at the problems in the current practice building.’

‘Learning about listening devices.’

‘The glasses were a good guide to understanding different sight loss [and] how to guide a person around the surgery.’

‘All the training identified potential problems that may be faced and awareness to deal with this individually.’

Referring onto Sensory Impairment Services

Eligibility:

If someone has sight and or hearing loss that is impacting on their daily life. They do not need to be registered.

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Thank You

