

CITY OF NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE & NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY

EDUCATION SERVICES

Special Educational Needs Service

The Springfield Centre

Blakelaw Road

BLAKELAW, NE5 3HU

Telephone 0191 2774650

Development Manager for Special Educational Needs

Mr. John Thompson

Telephone 0191 2774654

Principal Officer for Special Educational Needs

Leslie Winstanley

Telephone 0191 2774653

Administration Officer

T.B.C.

Telephone 0191 2774649

Transport Section for Special Educational Needs

Transport Manager

Shirley Foster

Telephone 0191 2774646

Administration Assistant

T.B.C.

Telephone 0191 2774646

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Co-ordinator for Sensory Impairment Team (SENTASS)

Peter Preston

Personal Secretary

Jackie Brown

Telephone 0191 2774626 Fax 0191 2774631

Mrs. P. Thornton - Leader of Visual Impairment Team

Mr. D. Robson - Peripatetic Teacher of V.I. Children (Northumberland)

Mr. N. Graham - Mobility and Independence Specialist in Education

Mr. R. Claydon - Technician

Mrs. M. Burn - Specialist VI Support Assistance

Mrs. C. Podhajecki - Qualified Peripatetic Teacher of VI (Newcastle)

Regent Farm First School

Wansbeck Road South

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE, NE3 3PE

Headteacher:

Mrs. D. Ashcroft

Telephone 0191 2852294 Fax 0191 2852294

Additionally Resourced Centre for V.I. (ARC)

Telephone 0191 2848828 Fax 0191 2848828

Mrs. G. Jennings - Unit Teacher

Mrs. A. Innes - Nursery Nurse

Mrs. K. Baines - Nursery Nurse (0.6)

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Gosforth High School
Great North Road
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE, NE3 2JH

Headteacher:

Mr. Hugh Robinson

Telephone 0191 2851000 Fax 0191 2132068

Additionally Resourced Centre - Visual Impairment

Telephone 0191 2559045 Fax 0191 2132068

Mark Gillingwater - Unit Teacher in Charge

Denise White - Nursery Nurse - Specialist VI Support Assistant

Gosforth Junior High
Jubilee Road
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE, NE3 1DY

Principal:

Mr. D. Shepherd

Telephone 0191 2853060 Fax 0191 2855189

Additionally Resourced Centre - Visual Impairment

Telephone 0191 2846937

Rachael Lambert - Teacher of the Visually Impaired

Miss. S. Clarke - Special Needs Support Assistant

Mrs. B. Auchterlonie - Nursery Nurse

CITY OF NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE

MEDICAL SERVICES

Department of Ophthalmology
Claremont North Wing
Royal Victoria infirmary
Queen Victoria Road
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE, NE1 4LP
Telephone 0191 2336161 (Main switchboard)

The following services are available: general out-patients, ophthalmic laser, ophthalmic medical photography, a refraction service, a low vision aid service, in-patient and day-case beds, paediatric and four operating theatres.

Children's Ophthalmic Day Unit
Julie Mulroy
Ward 20
Royal Victoria Infirmary
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE, NE1 4LP
Telephone 0191 2336161 (Main switchboard)

Information on Rehabilitation and other Services can be obtained at the R.V.I.
Contact:
Eye Clinic Liaison Officers for R.N.I.B.
Sally Baylis
Christine Barns
Telephone 0191 2820221

We provide an early intervention service to bridge the gap between hospital and community, providing emotional support and advice and information about registration, statutory and voluntary services. Anyone can contact without the need of a formal referral.

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SOCIAL SERVICES

Sensory Support Team
Shieldfield Centre
4 - 8 Clarence Walk
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE, NE2 1AL

Head of Unit

Ms. Pam Satterthwaite

Team Manager

Telephone 0191 2788245 Fax 0191 2788188

Minicom 0191 2788266

Specialist Officers - Visual Impairment

Lee Cawkwell - Social Worker with Blind & Partially Sighted
Guy Scholes - Social Worker with Deafblind people
Christopher Finlay - Sensory Support Worker
Saran Bilcliffe - Sensory Support Worker
Susan Reay - Sensory Support Worker
Martin Kearney - Rehabilitation Worker with Blind & Partially Sighted
Darren Lindsay - Rehabilitation Worker with Blind & Partially Sighted

Margaret Devlin - Social Worker with Blind & Partially Sighted – based at:

The RVI Social Work Department

Telephone 0191 2824099

See Voluntary Services for Talking Newspapers etc.

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VOLUNTARY SERVICES

Newcastle Society for Blind People

MEA House

Ellison Place

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE, NE1 8XS

Telephone 0191 2327292 Fax 0191 2330419

Email enquiries@nsbp.co.uk

Website www.nsbp.co.uk

Newsletter on cassette, Braille, large print and email.

Braille Classes

IT Classes - 10 x weekly

Social Clubs - Various

Other things arranged and run include home visiting service, outings, ring around and befriending services.

Resource Centre and Home Loan for Daily Living Aids. Issue equipment for the visually impaired, computer equipment adapted for use by visually impaired people and training is available.

Act as agents for the British Wireless for the Blind Fund.

Skillstep Project Coordinator

Phillipa Taylor

Henshaws Society for Blind People

Room 25

Heaton Complex

Trewhitt Road

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE, NE6 5DY

Telephone 0191 2653031 Fax 0191 2653132

Email phiiipa.taylor@henshaws.org.uk

Website www.henshaws.org.uk

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VOLUNTARY SERVICES

Children and Family Service

Ellie Beesley

Family Service Team Leader

North East Regional Office

Henshaws Society for Blind People

Room 25

Heaton Complex

Trewhitt Road

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE, NE6 5DY

Telephone 0191 2759417 Fax 0191 2653132

Email ellie.beesley@henshaws.org.uk

Website www.henshaws.org.uk

Henshaws' Children and Family Service aims to give families who are affected by visual impairment in some way – help, advice, support and new opportunities.

Services include:

Toy and Tape Library

Parent Information Group

VIPAR (visual impaired parent) Group

Family Activities and Events

Tyneside Recreation Club for the Blind

Secretary

33 Summerhill Street

Elswick

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE, NE4 6EJ

Telephone 0191 2616756

Activities provided include rambling, archery, 10 pin-bowling, carpet/lawn bowls depending on season, tandem cycling, partially sighted 5-a-side football, social events, outings and occasional courses such as pottery and local history.

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VOLUNTARY SERVICES

VI-Ability Youth Group

P.O. Box 19

Heaton

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE, NE7 7XY

Kenneth Robson

Telephone 0191 2668315

Youth and Leisure activities for visually impaired children and young people.

National Diabetic Retinopathy Network

Local Contact:

Alison Blackburn

Telephone 0191 2741414

Disability North

The Dene Centre

Castles Farm Road

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE, NE3 1PH

Telephone 0191 2840480

The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association

Park View House

Front Street

Benton

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE, NE7 7TZ

Telephone 0845 3727423 Fax 0845 3727462

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VOLUNTARY SERVICES

The Royal Victoria Trust for the Blind
(includes the Friends of the Royal Victoria)

Chairman

Mr. A. E. Veitch MBE

Lismore

17 Benwell Grange Avenue

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE, NE15 6RP

Telephone 0191 2733934

The Grants Committee meets bi-monthly from January, on the 2nd Friday, for the consideration of grants.

To apply for:

Individual application form, 4 copies to be submitted (up to £500 allocated), contact the Chairman, Mr. A. E. Veitch MBE

Group application's, report required.

Talking Newspapers

Tyne Sound News

P.O. Box 614

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE, NE99 4YN

Telephone 0191 2614121

Torch Fellowship Groups see Page 108