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Helpline 0303 1239999

Website www.RNIB.co.uk

or www.RNIB.org

For: R.N.I.B. National Education Centre

R.N.I.B. Integrated Support Service etc.

Information on Schools and Services available outside your region from either your own Local Authority Education Department or Royal National Institute of the Blind (address and telephone number above).

Regional Provision for Deaf-Blind Children

Regional provision for deaf, deafblind and visually impaired children with other special educational needs, are provided at:

Northern Counties School

Tankerville Terrace

Jesmond

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE, NE2 3BB

Telephone 0191 2815821 Fax 0191 2815060

Email info@northerncounties.newcastle.sch.uk

Website www.northern-counties-school.co.uk

OTHER ADDRESSES

MEDICAL

Association of Optometrists

61 Southwark Street

LONDON, SE1 0HL

Telephone 020 72619661 Fax 020 72610228

Website www.assoc-optometrists.org

Optical Consumer Complaints Service

P.O. Box 219

PETERSFIELD, GU32 9BY

Telephone 0844 8005071 Fax 01730 265058

Email postbox@opticalcomplaints.co.uk

Website www.opticalcomplaints.co.uk

Royal Victoria Infirmary (RVI)

Eye Department

Claremont Wing

Queen Victoria Road

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE, NE1 4LP

Telephone 0191 2336161

Website www.newcastle-hospitals.org.uk

OTHER ADDRESSES

SOCIAL SERVICES

Training for Specialist Workers - Rehabilitation Officers - with Visually Impaired People

Full details of courses available can be obtained from:

The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association
School of Vision & Rehabilitation Studies
Highcombe Edge
Churt Road

Hindhead

SURREY, GU26 6SJ

Telephone 01428 606022 Fax 01428 602727

Email rehabhindhead@guidedogs.org.uk

Website www.guidedogs.org.uk

The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association
School of Vision & Rehabilitation Studies
28 Park Circus

GLASGOW, G3 6AP

Telephone 0141 3310391 Fax 0141 3310390

Email rehabglasgow@guidedogs.org.uk

Website www.guidedogs.org.uk

Local Guide Dog Office:

Guide Dogs for the Blind Association

Park View House

Front Street

Benton

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE, NE7 7TZ

Telephone 0845 3727423

Email guidedogs@guidedogs.org.uk

Website www.guidedogs.org.uk

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SOCIAL SERVICES

Training for Specialist Workers - Rehabilitation Officers - with Visually Impaired People

Guide Dogs for the Blind Association
Teesside, Durham and North Yorkshire Team
Ground Floor Resolution House
18 Ellerbeck Court
Stokesley Business Park
STOKESLEY, TS9 5PT
Telephone 0845 3727430 Fax 0845 3727461
Email nyorks@guidedogs.org.uk
Website www.guidedogs.org.uk

Applications for a guide dog or further information contact your Regional Centre or apply through Local Social Services Department.

OTHER ADDRESSES

Association for the Education and Welfare of the Visually Handicapped – VIEW.

Northern Rep:

Amanda Ross

Dryden P.D.C.

Evistones Road

GATESHEAD, NE9 5UR

Telephone 0191 4338538

OTHER ADDRESSES

Diabetes UK
Central Office
Macleod House
10 Parkway
LONDON, NW1 7AA
Telephone 020 74241000 Fax 020 74241001
Email info@diabetes.org.uk
Website www.diabetes.org.uk

Diabetes UK Careline
Telephone 0845 1202960
Email careline@diabetes.org.uk

For leaflets, books or publicity materials:

Website www.diabetes.org.uk/infocentre/index.html

Diabetes UK
Northern & Yorkshire Office
Stirling House
22 St. Cuthberts Way
DARLINGTON, DL1 1GB
Telephone 01325 488606 Fax 01325 488816
Email north&yorks@diabetes.org.uk

OTHER ADDRESSES

The British Retinitis Pigmentosa Society

Head Office

B.R.P.S.

P.O. Box 350

BUCKINGHAM, MK18 1GZ

Telephone 01280 821334 Fax 01280 815900

Email info@brps.org.uk

Website www.brps.org.uk

B.R.P.S. HELPLINE

Telephone 0845 1232354

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Suite 14

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Chislehurst

KENT, BR7 5AG

Telephone 0208 2953636 Fax 0208 2953737

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Telephone 0845 7171100 (local charge)

Website www.nwl.co.uk

British Wireless for the Blind Fund

10 Albion Place

Maidstone

KENT, ME14 5DZ

Telephone 01622 754757 Fax 01622 751725

Email info@blind.org.uk

Website www.blind.org.uk

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Website www.calibre.org.uk

Deafblind UK

National Centre for Deafblindness

John and Lucille van Geest Place

Cygnets Road

Hampton

PETERBOROUGH, PE7 8FD

Telephone 01733 358100 Fax 01733 358356

Info & advice line 0800 132320

Website www.deafblind.org.uk

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105 Judd Street

LONDON, WC1H 9NE

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Fax 0207 3882034

Helpline 0303 1239999

Website www.rnib.org.uk

The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association

Burghfield Common

READING, RG7 3YG

Telephone 0118 9835555

Fax 0118 9835433

Email guidedogs@guidedogs.org.uk

Website www.guidedogs.org.uk

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SENSE

National Association for Deaf/Blind and Rubella Handicapped Children

Sense is a national charity that supports and campaigns for children and adults who are deafblind. We provide specialist information, advice and services to deafblind people, their families, carers and the professionals who work with them. In addition, we support people who have sensory impairments with additional disabilities.

Our mission is to ensure that all deafblind people and their families have access to advice, opportunities and support to meet their unique and different needs.

Sense

101 Pentonville Road

LONDON, N1 9LG

Telephone 0845 1270062

Email info@sense.org.uk

Website www.sense.org.uk

Scottish National Federation for the Welfare of the Blind

Registered Charity SC 002185

Richard Mazur

8 Netherlea

Scone

PERTHSHIRE, PH2 6QA

Telephone 01738 626969

Email Richard.mazur@virgin.net

Website www.snfwb.org.uk

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Headmistress

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Email info@stdunstans.org.uk

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Low Vision Supplies

Resource Centre for the Sight Impaired

Low Vision Supplies are pleased to announce that their new Resource Centre for the Sight Impaired is now open. It is situated in Billingham, Teesside. Gil Smith FBDO (Hons) LVS is available to offer advice on all aspects of low vision. Gil is a dispensing optician with 30+ years experience of helping visually impaired to maximise their vision and achieve the highest quality of life. We also have the largest selection of magnifiers, filters, electronic aids, specialist computer software and speaking products in the North East. If you would like a low vision assessment or simply to have a look at the equipment on display please call to make an appointment.

Low Vision Supplies

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Website www.lowvisionsupplies.com

OTHER ADDRESSES

Second Sight (Services) UK. Ltd.
Drummonds
Blagdon Hall
Seaton Burn
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE, NE13 6DD
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Email: pennydane@hotmail.com



- Second Sight (Services) UK Ltd was incorporated in May 2008 a Company Limited by Guarantee, not for profit. It was started by three Directors all of whom have a wealth of experience in the field of low vision.

- Our Mission Statement: "To maintain and enhance the independence, mobility and quality of lives of people with reduced vision".**

- We can do this by providing a professional innovative service for those people who are affected by vision loss. Visual assessment and diagnosis, low vision aid supply, rehabilitation assessment and independence training. Research and development. Information and advice including benefits and employment issues as well as emotional support to those affected by sight loss problems. Imaginative activities and support groups to eliminate social isolation and provide alternative opportunities to this vulnerable group.

- We can also offer a range of bespoke awareness training courses to businesses, organisations and charities. Building on the foundation of "Sight Matters Rehabilitation & Training Services" run by Penny Dane.

OTHER ADDRESSES

Optelec
2 Millfield House
Woodshots Meadow
Croxley Green Business Park
WATFORD, WD18 8YX
Telephone 01923 231313 Fax 01923 231385
Email info@optelec.co.uk
Website www.optelec.co.uk

Tieman UK acquired the business of Telesensory UK, to form a new company called Optelec, part of the Tieman Group of Companies. Optelec offers products, which enable visually impaired people to read independently. For people who can read enlarged print, video magnifiers provide a solution. For a person with low vision the tasks of looking at objects and reading text can be made easier with access to a sharp, magnified image displayed on a high contrast screen. Optelec offers a range of desktop and portable systems. Non print readers can benefit from scanners that output text in Braille or speech.

Scottish Braille Press
PO Box 500
Gillespie Crescent
EDINBURGH, EH10 4HZ
Telephone 0131 2291456 Fax 0131 2294060
Email enquiries@royalblind.org
Website www.royalblind.org

T.N.A.U.K.
Talking Newspaper Association of the United Kingdom
National Recording Centre
10 Browning Road
HEATHFIELD
EAST SUSSEX, TN21 8DB
Telephone 01435 866102 Fax 01435 865422
Email info@tnauk.org.uk
Website www.tnauk.org.uk

OTHER ADDRESSES

Telephones for the Blind

7 Huntersfield Close

Reigate

SURREY, RH2 0DX

Telephone 01737 248032

Fax 01737 248032

Website www.tftb.org.uk

Best time to telephone: 9.00am - 5.00pm, Monday - Friday.

The Telephones for the Blind Fund is a registered charity that can provide financial assistance towards the cost of telephone line installation and/or line rental for Registered Blind (not partially sighted) people of limited financial means. Applications should be made through Social Services.

Torch Trust for the Blind

Torch House

Torch Way

Northampton Road

Market Harborough

LEICESTERSHIRE, LE16 9HL

Telephone 01858 438260

Fax 01858 438275

Email info@torchtrust.org

Website www.torchtrust.org

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Anstey

LEICESTER, LE7 7FU

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Fax 01162 340205

Website www.ulverscroft.com

REHABILITATION AND EMPLOYMENT

All blind and partially sighted people of employable age whether registered or not are eligible for Assessment Work Preparation and Training on a residential basis.

R.N.I.B. College Loughborough

Radmoor Road

Loughborough

LEICESTERSHIRE LE11 3BS

Telephone 01509 611077 Fax 01509 232013

R.N.I.B. Scotland

Employment and Learning Centre

24d Milton Road East

EDINBURGH EH15 2NJ

Telephone 0131 6578200 Fax 0131 6578200

Email ELScotland@rnib.org.uk

To apply for the above programmes contact your D.E.A. or Personal Advisor at your nearest Job Centre Plus Office.

Support and assistance can be given to help blind and partially sighted people enter employment or retain employment. Also support and assistance can be given regarding self-employment. For further details contact:

Action for Blind People

Garland House

144 / 146 Borough Road

MIDDLESBROUGH, TS1 2EP

Telephone 01642 233439

See also Page 20

REHABILITATION AND EMPLOYMENT

D'ArtE CIC - Disability Arts Empowerment CIC

Although a registered blind or partially sighted person can apply to their Local Social Services Department for a course of rehabilitation, only a few people go away today. Most Local Authorities encourage a locally based course to teach the necessary skills for independent living.

D'ArtE CIC
Disability Arts Empowerment CIC
41 Beechbrooke
Ryhope
Sunderland
SR2 0NZ
Telephone 07813 639507
Email advice@dartecic.org.uk

REGIONAL LIBRARY SERVICES

Most libraries throughout the region have the following services available for the visually impaired.

Large Print Books

Information on Services on cassette

Talking Books on cassette

House Bound Library Service

C.C.T.V. - for reading and writing letters etc.

Enlarging Service for the Partially Sighted

Typewriter, Magnifier etc., Loan Service (within library only)

Braille and Moon books can be arranged on loan from the National Library for the Blind upon request.

Stockton Central Library

Carole Wood

Reference and Information Services Officer

Stockton Central Library

Church Road

Stockton-on-Tees

TS18 1TU

Telephone 01642 528079

Email Carole.Wood@stockton.gov.uk

REGIONAL TORCH FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

www.torchtrust.org

NORTHERN AREA CO-ORDINATOR:

Miss. Sheila Tuck

31 Renvyle Avenue

Roseworth

STOCKTON, TS19 9PE

Telephone 01642 607475

MIDDLESBROUGH:

2nd Saturday at 3:00pm at:

Middlesbrough Baptist Church

Cambridge Road

Middlesbrough

Contact:

Miss. Sheila Tuck

As above.

DARLINGTON:

Prayer meetings on second Tuesday's at various locations

Contact:

Miss. Liz Connah

12 Major Street

DARLINGTON, DL3 6QD

Telephone 01325 469843

HARTLEPOOL:

4th Saturday at 3:00pm at:

Church of Nazarene

Lowthain Road

Contact:

Cath Thompson

55 South Parade

HARTLEPOOL, TS25 1SB

Telephone 01429 232195

REGIONAL TORCH FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

WASHINGTON:

1st Saturday at 2:30pm at:

St. Andrew's Methodist Church

Concord

Contact:

Jack Middleton

3 Lycium Close

Marton Manor

MIDDLESBROUGH, TS7 8RS

Telephone 01642 319560

THE MICRO AND ANOPHTHALMIC CHILDRENS SOCIETY

The Micro & Anophthalmic Childrens Society
22 Lower Park Street
Holyhead
ISLE OF ANGLESEY LL65 1DU

Telephone: 0800 1698088
Email: enquiries@macs.org.uk
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MACS

Supporting families of children born without eyes and partially developed eyes.

Aims of the Support Group

We aim to put MACS families in touch with each other.

Produce a regular newsletter.

Encourage mutual family support, through our newsletter, website and via direct contact with each other.

Provide financial assistance to MACS families who need to purchase equipment or services to help meet their needs.

Collate and distribute information, with a view to becoming a National resource on anophthalmia, microphthalmia and coloboma, for parents and professionals.

HOLIDAY AND LEISURE

Royal National Institute for the Blind Holiday and Residential Service

Kathleen Chambers House
97 Berrow Road
BURNHAM-ON-SEA, TA8 2PG
Telephone 01278 782142

Tate House
28 Wetherby Road
HARROGATE, HG2 7SA
Telephone 01423 886927

RNIB Wavertree House
Somershill Road
HOVE, BN3 1RN
Telephone 01273 262200

Torch Holiday and Retreat Centre
For information or to book, contact
Torch Holiday & Retreat Centre
4 Hassoks Road
Hurstpierpoint
WEST SUSSEX, BN6 9QN
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Email TorchHRC@torchtrust.org
Website www.torchtrust.org

HOLIDAY AND LEISURE

Royal Blind Society

RBS House

59 – 61 Sea Lane

Rustington

WEST SUSSEX, BN16 2RQ

Telephone 01903 857023 Fax 01903 859166

Website www.royalblindsociety.org

Bradbury Hotel

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Telephone 01903 770339

Website www.royalblindsociety.org/honeywood.htm

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21 North Parade

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Website www.royalblindsociety.org/belmont.htm

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Telephone 01434 250232 Fax 01434 250015

Email enquiries@calvert-trust.org.uk

Website www.calvert-trust.org.uk/keilder

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Telephone 020 76354800 Fax 020 76354900

Helpline 0800 9154666

Email info@afbp.org

Website www.afbp.org

Cliffden Hotel

Dawlish Road

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DEVON, TQ14 8TE

Telephone 01626 770052 Fax 01626 770594

Email cliffden@afbp.org

Website www.afbp.org/hotels

Lauriston Hotel

6 – 12 Knightstone Road

Weston-super-Mare

NORTH SOMERSET, BS23 2AN

Telephone 01934 620758 Fax 01934 621154

Email lauriston.hotel@afbp.org

Website www.afbp.org/hotels

The Russell Hotel

Kings Parade

Bognor Regis

WEST SUSSEX, PO21 2QP

Telephone 01243 871300 Fax 01243 871301

Email Russell.hotel@afbp.org

Website www.afbp.org/hotels

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Action for Blind People (continued)

Windermere Manor Hotel

Rayrigg Road

Windermere

CUMBRIA, LA23 1ES

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Email windermere@afbp.org

Website www.afbp.org/hotels

VISUAL IMPAIRMENT NORTH EAST

Visual Impairment North East

(An Association for Workers in the Field of Visual Impairment)

52 Linskill Terrace

NORTH SHIELDS NE30 2EW

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Email contact@vine-simspecs.org.uk

Email directory@vine-simspecs.org.uk

Email orders@vine-simspecs.org.uk

The objects of V.I.N.E.

1. To promote the relief of visually impaired people in any manner which now is, or hereafter may be deemed by law to be charitable, within the North East Region of England.
2. To consider and make recommendations for improving the total provision of services to visually impaired people.
3. To help all disciplines to communicate, understand and develop services for visually impaired people.
4. To provide a forum which encompasses all workers with visually impaired people.
5. Prepare, sell and or otherwise distribute training, educational and information material as ancillary to one or more of the above objects.

V.I.N.E. produces a Simulation Package for training including a copy of the DVD "See What I Mean", at a cost of £150.00, orders and cheques to be sent to:

Mr. F. Hodson

52 Linskill Terrace

NORTH SHIELDS NE30 2EW

VISUAL IMPAIRMENT NORTH EAST

V.I.N.E. produces a short 7-minute DVD "See What I Mean" at a cost of £10, orders and cheques to be sent as below.

V.I.N.E. produces a Regional Directory of Services available for Visually Impaired People, see Page 2.

V.I.N.E. invites applications for financial grants in March and September for consideration, depending on funds available at the time of application.

Anyone wishing for more information or requiring a membership application form should contact:

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or

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