

Offering a lifetime of support for people who are blind or partially sighted, Deaf, deafblind or hard of hearing.



SIGHT
FOR SURREY

who we are

Sight for Surrey has been supporting people who are blind, vision impaired and deafblind for nearly 100 years. We now also provide services for people who are profoundly Deaf or Hard of Hearing, delivering specialist help to more than 6,000 people across Surrey.

As a strategic partner of Surrey County Council, we deliver countywide sensory support as well as a range of services funded by charitable fundraising.



what we do

People with sensory loss can be isolated and alone, even in a crowd. We aim to break through that isolation and help them to be included, respected and listened to.

Our specialist teams of qualified and skilled professionals empower people with a range of sensory conditions to have choice and control over their lives and support them to be as independent as possible.



our mission



Our mission is to support you to overcome your day-to-day challenges, achieve your potential and lead an independent life.



We're here for you and your family - providing specialist, hands-on, practical support tailored to your needs.



People are at the heart of everything we do. We want to inspire you to take the small steps today and achieve the breakthroughs tomorrow.



We're proud to be the only organisation of our kind dedicated to supporting people in Surrey.

our services

Children and Young People

We support children and young people who have a vision impairment to maximise their life opportunities. We do this by teaching strategies and concepts enabling children to understand the world in a non-visual way. This is achieved through a programme of individual training, group recreational activities to suit all ages and family support.

Deaf Services

British Sign Language (BSL) is the first or preferred language for many people who are profoundly Deaf. We offer social work and community officer support as well as a range of interpreting services to support Deaf people.



Deafblind Services

We run inclusive events for people who have combined sight and hearing loss, supporting people to make their own decision and join in with their families. Our specialist communicator guide service is available to ensure that their impairment doesn't become a barrier to understanding and being understood.

Hard of Hearing Services

People with moderate hearing loss may have difficulty following speech without hearing aids and many rely on lip-reading. We aim to ensure people have the training and necessary equipment to stay safe and live their lives to their full potential.

Vision Impaired Services

Starting with our hospital team working in the hospital eye clinics, we deliver a complete service to people who are losing their sight and to those registered as being blind.

Our qualified rehabilitation workers deliver comprehensive specialist support so people can learn to live their lives to the full.

Employability Programme

We are passionate about helping people find work. Our employment services bring together professional expertise and ongoing mentoring support through a series of workshops and training sessions.

We have built successful partnerships with local employers to offer our participants tangible work experience placements and employment opportunities.

Our workshops include; specialist IT training, CV writing, interview skills, self-advocacy and core development skills. We've teamed up with leading specialists to deliver the best quality training and experiences to prepare people for work.



Equipment services

We run personalised and specialist services delivering hearing and low vision assessments advising people on the equipment that will work best for them. We have an equipment showroom in the middle of Surrey and also take the service around the County to ensure people can access these services.

Fundraising & Volunteering

We are an ambitious charity- we will continue to provide specialist services whilst also offering a range of additional support - such as social opportunities or employment mentoring. Our Fundraising and Outreach teams work passionately to raise extra income to enable some of these services.

We could not provide some of vital services without our volunteers; we have an army of dedicated and passionate volunteers. Volunteer roles range from driving, befriending and fundraising; each one bringing something different and increasing our organisation's capacity.

joshua's story

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Fourteen-year-old Joshua came to the UK from South Africa in 2015 and was referred to us soon after. Josh has Retinopathy of Prematurity, which occurs in premature babies – it has meant both retinas are detached and he has a left prosthetic eye cap.

Josh received formal mobility training from us and achieved independent travel on routes around his school campus. He has already begun navigating off-campus travel skills training, enabling further independence.

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claudine's story

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Sight for Surrey has supported Claudine for many years now and continue to provide Communicator Guide support hours for task such as shopping, crafts or a lunch out. Claudine has also recently completed further mobility training with Sight for Surrey's rehabilitation team and is busy practicing her cane skills to widen her independence.

Claudine said: *“I would like to help other deafblind people with communication, such as hands on signing, Makaton and deafblind manual, passing on some of the skills I have learnt in life living with being a deafblind person”.*

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