

Transition - Moving to Adult Visual Impairment Services - North East Lincolnshire February 2024

Introduction

This leaflet has been produced for young people with vision loss, to give information on some of the Services which are available to them after they leave school. Should you require further information regarding your options for further and higher education, please contact the ETHV. This leaflet contains contact numbers and e-mail addresses which will be useful now and in the future. This information is correct at this time but may change. Please refer to our Local Offer for updated information:

<https://sendlocaloffer.nelincs.gov.uk/home/hearing-and-vision/>



Support from the Educational Team for Hearing and Vision (ETHV)

Once a young person leaves school and goes on to college, training or work, our team will no longer be involved. Colleges have their own team of support staff who should be able to help you. With your permission, we will make contact with your destination college to support with your transition. If you move to college or university, you may want to make yourself known to the Learning Support Team particularly if you are finding it hard to access lessons because of your visual impairment. The RNIB have produced a document to support young people during this time of transition. [Your Future, Your Choice: Bridging the Gap – ENGLAND \(rnib.org.uk\)](https://www.rnib.org.uk/your-future-your-choice-bridging-the-gap)

Local Support

There is a range of support available locally. Below is information regarding local services and groups.

The Single Point of Access – Grimsby

Offers advice and home visits where appropriate regarding using and trying independence equipment and also provides a 'low vision aid service' for magnifiers, lamps and other pieces of equipment. More information can be found on their website: <https://livewell.nelincs.gov.uk/sensory-impairment-portal/> tel: (01472) 256256 option 2,

Lincoln and Lindsey Blind Society- Provides a range of support with access to technology and household devices as well as social groups and support with employment. Based in Louth www.llbs.co.uk tel: 01507 605604

Foresight-Offers a wide range of services including learning and training, leisure, sporting and social activities. Based in Grimsby. www.foresight-nelincs.org.uk tel: (01472) 269666

Fortitude Club- A social group for visually impaired adults based in Grimsby. Contact Sue: 07793013245

Lookhear Group- A social and supportive group for people with a combined sight and hearing loss based in Grimsby. Contact Linda Jameson 07957870972

Lincs Inspire E-Library- Sign up for a library card and have free access to a wide range of audiobooks that can be downloaded for free onto a device. <https://lincsinspire.com/libraries-archives/online-services/elibrary/>

Other useful contacts

There are many websites which give information on visual impairments and related issues. Below are some which offer information on a huge range of topics:

Equality Act – Information on the rights of young people and adults to be treated fairly and the same as everyone else across all parts of daily living and information on what to do if you feel you are being treated unfairly <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/equality-act-2010-guidance>

Access to Work - Gives information about help you can get help from the government to do your job. Access to work may help to pay for any specialist equipment you may need to enable you to do your job www.gov.uk/access-to-work/overview

Sight Advice FAQ- a useful website that offers advice and answers to a wide range of questions related to living with visual impairments. <https://www.sightadvicefaq.org.uk/>

Thomas Pocklington Trust- Services to support people with visual impairments start and progress with their careers. They also have a student support service to support young people with visual impairments whilst in education. www.pocklington.org.uk

Guide Dogs- A wide range of information, advice and support. They provide support with accessing and using technology, life skills and habilitation. <https://www.guidedogs.org.uk/>

RNIB- A valuable resource with a vast amount of information and support about living with visual impairments. They provide information on grants and financial support, assistive aids and technology, education, employment and independent living, just to name a few!
<https://www.rnib.org.uk/>

RNIB Shop- has a wide range of products for sale to support independent living. Website: <https://shop.rnib.org.uk/>

RNIB Bookshare- Offer a wide range of free accessible books and educational material to support the needs of learners at all stages of education.
<https://www.rnib.org.uk/living-with-sight-loss/independent-living/reading-and-books/rnib-bookshare/>

CustomEyes Books- A range of books that will be modified and printed to an individual specification.
<https://guidedogsuk.my.site.com/shop/s/ages-16>

Calibre Audio Library- A national charity that provides audio books for anyone with a print disability. <https://www.calibreaudio.org.uk/> tel: 01296432339

Everyone from the Educational Team for Hearing and Vision would like to pass on their very best wishes to you and your family. Please keep in touch from time to time to let us know how you are doing. We are always keen to find out what has helped you or what you feel would have helped so we can keep improving things for future learners.