

## Factsheet 401 – 25 June 2010

### What do we mean by Registration?

The law requires every local authority to maintain a register of people with disabilities. Anyone who has a disability can apply to go on the register. Registration is not compulsory and does not automatically give entitlement to benefits, goods or services.

With the help of a register Devon County Council, through its Adult & Community Services Directorate, is able to recognise the general needs of disabled people in Devon.

### How could it help you?

The Registration Card can support applications for concessions for disabled people and can act as evidence of need when applying for specialist support.

It provides proof of disability for [The National Bus Pass](#) which gives free off-peak travel on buses nationwide for people with disabilities. Call 01392 383688 for enquiries or see:

[www.devon.gov.uk/index/transportroads/public\\_transport/bus\\_passes/nationalbuspass.htm](http://www.devon.gov.uk/index/transportroads/public_transport/bus_passes/nationalbuspass.htm)

People who are registered severely sight impaired can:

- Claim a reduction in the cost of their television licence. Application forms are available from local post offices.
- Claim tax allowances, further information on the Inland Revenue website [www.hmrc.gov.uk](http://www.hmrc.gov.uk)

### Could I qualify? Who to contact

If you have a disability and think you may qualify for registration, contact Care Direct on 0845 1551 007 who will be able to provide you with more information. Following a social care assessment, if you are eligible for registration, you will be sent a yellow registration card (SS310).

### Visually Impaired

Only a consultant ophthalmologist, following a referral from a GP, can confirm that you are eligible to be registered as severely sight impaired (blind) or sight impaired (partially sighted) and issue you with a Certificate of Visual Impairment (CVI). A copy of this is sent to Adult & Community Services who will arrange for a Rehabilitation Officer - Visually Impaired people (ROVI) to offer you a home visit to assess your needs and give advice and help as appropriate.

### Hearing Impaired

A Rehabilitation Officer - Hearing Impaired people (ROHI) will carry out a face to face assessment and determine the level of your hearing impairment. Then, if appropriate a registration card (SS310) will be issued.

## Children

For children or young people under 18 years of age with special needs there is a fact sheet about registering, which can be found on the Devon County Council website [Joint Agency Record of Children with Special Needs](http://www.devon.gov.uk/cypsfactsheets-jas1-jointagencyrecord.pdf) (www.devon.gov.uk/cypsfactsheets-jas1-jointagencyrecord.pdf)

## Benefit Entitlement - Are you claiming all you can?

Care Direct 0845 1551 007 is a free information service for older people, vulnerable adults, people with disabilities, and their carers, who would be happy to check your benefit entitlement, or you may prefer to contact your local [Citizens Advice Bureau](#).

**Further factsheets** can be found online at [www.devon.gov.uk/factsheets](http://www.devon.gov.uk/factsheets)

If you have any further questions please contact **Care Direct 0845 1551 007**

A large print version of this factsheet is available on [www.devon.gov.uk/largeprint-factsheets](http://www.devon.gov.uk/largeprint-factsheets) but if you would like it in a different format such as Braille or audio, or in a different language, please contact our Customer Service Centre on 0845 155 1015 or email [customer@devon.gov.uk](mailto:customer@devon.gov.uk).

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