

***Information for  
visually impaired people***

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***[www.devon.gov.uk/socialcare](http://www.devon.gov.uk/socialcare)***

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# **Support and Advisory Teachers Service for children with a visual impairment.**

**Tel. Exeter: 01392 686230**

**Tel. South Devon: 01803 862301**

**North Devon 01271 388700**

**[www.devon.gov.uk/learning/sats](http://www.devon.gov.uk/learning/sats)**

**Provides specialist support and advice on the practical and educational implications of the child's visual impairment. It supports visually impaired children, young people, parents, playgroup, nursery and school staff.**

## **Association of National Specialist Colleges – for students with a visual impairment –**

**West of England School and  
College, Exeter**

**Tel. 01392 454200**

**Email: [info@westengland.ac.uk](mailto:info@westengland.ac.uk)**

**[www.westengland.ac.uk](http://www.westengland.ac.uk)**

**Henshaws, Harrogate**

**Tel. 01423 886451**

**Queen Alexandra College, Birmingham**

**Tel. 0121 428 5050**

**RNIB Condoover College Ltd**

**Tel. 01743 872250**

**RNIB New College, Worcester**

**Tel. 01905 763933**

**RNIB College, Loughborough**

**Tel. 01509 611077**

**Dorton College, Kent**

**Tel. 01732 592600**

**Royal National College, Hereford**

**Tel. 01432 265725**

# **RNIB Library**

**PO Box 173, Peterborough PE2**

**6WS**

**Tel. 0303 123 9999**

**A wide range of recorded textbooks.**

**Others can be recorded by request.**

# **Open University**

**Walton Hall,**

**Milton Keynes MK7 6AN**

**Tel. 0845 300 6090**

**[www.open.ac.uk/text-only](http://www.open.ac.uk/text-only)**

**Open access policy for people with disabilities.**

# **Disability Employment Advisers (DEAs)**

**If your visual impairment affects your ability to work, ask your local Jobcentre Plus to put you in touch with a DEA. Find out about suitable employment, aids which can be provided to help with sight problems at work and Access to Work schemes.**

# **RNIB South West**

**10 Stillhouse Lane**

**Bedminster**

**Bristol BS3 4EB**

**Tel. 0117 953 7750**

**Can provide help with planning a career, advice on study skills, loan equipment and act as advocates.**

# **PLUSS**

**22 Marsh Green Road**

**Exeter EX2 8PQ**

**Tel. 01392 438329**

**[www.pluss.org.uk](http://www.pluss.org.uk)**

**Managed and supported by Devon County Council and the Plymouth and Torbay local authorities, ISG provides work-based training, development, assessment and employment for people with disabilities. Contact a Disability Employment Adviser (DEA) at Jobcentre Plus or the ISG Group Office**

# **Workstep website:**

**[www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk](http://www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk)**

**Enables disabled people to work effectively, focusing on their and their employer's needs. Helps people to develop and improve their skills and job prospects.**

**Provides a stepping-stone into unsupported employment if appropriate.**

**Referrals can be made by a Disability Employment Adviser (DEA) or in some cases via the provider.**

# **Action for Blind People**

**Freephone Helpline: 0800 915 4666**

**Tel. 01392 458060**

**[www.actionforblindpeople.org.uk](http://www.actionforblindpeople.org.uk)**

**Help with employment, preparing for work, training recommendations if applicable, providing support for work placements, job search and/or self employment. Also works with companies to raise awareness of the needs of visually impaired employees, information about 'reasonable adjustments', retention of staff, and on going support.**



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**Further copies from the  
Sensory Team via Care Direct  
at the My Devon  
Customer Service Centre:**



**Tel: 0845 1551 007  
SMS text: 0777 3333 231  
Text Phone: 0845 155 1020  
Fax: 0845 155 1003  
Email: [sensory@devon.gov.uk](mailto:sensory@devon.gov.uk)**

**This information is available in other formats such  
as audio, and in languages other than English.**

**Comments or updates to this pack: Please contact  
the Sensory Team via Care Direct, as above.**

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