

Deafblind Guidance

In June 2009, the government reintroduced new guidelines to make sure deafblind people receive the support and services they require from their local authority. This came after years of campaigning by deafblind people and charities, including Sense.

But what does the guidance mean to you?

The guidance gives you very clear rights, which are explained in a series of [factsheets produced](#) by Sense's Campaigns Team. They can be found in the publications area of the site, or more information can be found on [Disability Alliance's website](#).

How is your local authority performing?

Every year Sense asks local authorities to report on its provision of services for deafblind people. You can find out how your local authority is performing and get the contact details for people running services. Contact campaigns.info@sense.org.uk for more information.

How much do services cost?

The cost of services varies greatly from one local authority to another, and thus it is difficult to gauge what will be the cost of specialist services.

A factsheet entitled 'Charging for Community Care Services' is available from [Disability Alliance](#). This contains information on the law on charging for services, how charges should be assessed, disputing charges and claiming welfare benefits.