

What is the Deafblind Guidance?

On 23 June 2009, the Government reissued statutory guidance about services for deafblind people and circulated it to Local Authorities with a Local Authority Circular document.

What does the Guidance mean?

The Deafblind Guidance expects local authorities to:

- identify, make contact with and keep a record of the deafblind people locally
 - ensure that assessments are carried out by properly trained personnel
 - ensure that appropriate services are provided for deafblind people - remembering that individual services for people who are deaf or who are blind may not be appropriate for someone who is both deaf and blind
 - ensure that they have access to fully trained, one-to-one support workers if necessary
 - provide information in a suitable format which is accessible to deafblind people
 - ensure that a senior manager is given responsibility for deafblind services.
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[Guidance document for Local Authorities](#) on the Department of Health website.

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