

Social services staff

[The Deafblind Directory](#)

A database of providers of services for deafblind children and adults.

- [Deafblind Guidance](#) In June 2009 the Department of Health reissued a guidance for local authorities called 'Social care for deafblind children and adults' LAC(DH)(2009)6 under Section 7 of the Local Authority Social Services Act 1970. The guidance expects local authorities to provide support for deafblind people.
- [Direct payments](#) General information about direct payments that are available in England, Wales and Northern Ireland to purchase services for children, adults and carers. Councils in England may offer personal budgets to adults.
- [Information sheet about direct payments for professionals](#) The sheet contains key issues in making sure direct payments work for deafblind people.
- [Putting Everyone First - personal budgets](#) Putting Everyone First is a practical guide to ensuring those with specialised needs benefit from personal/individual social care budgets.
- [Fill in the Gaps - supporting older people](#) Too many older people who are deafblind miss out on the support they need. Find out more here about how social services can support older people with a dual sensory loss.
- [How Sense can help you](#) Information, frequently asked questions and details of Sense services can all be found here.

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