

Day opportunities, vocational training and employment

Sense offers a wide range of day opportunities for deafblind and multiply-disabled people, who may live in Sense services, their family home, or another residential placement.

Sense offers flexible, individually designed programmes of education, development, leisure and vocational opportunities to enable deafblind people to interact with their environment, learn and develop skills, and increase their independence.

Service users are given the opportunity to learn and develop in appropriately adapted and planned environments, promoting choice and control, and allowing the sensory-impaired person to be proactive.

Developmental activities are carried out in a consistent and structured way according to individual needs. Areas of focus may include use of residual hearing and vision, communication, cognitive skills, mobility, personal care, social and living skills.

As well as using Sense's own specially adapted and designed facilities, many activities take place in the local community, and integration and inclusion are encouraged and supported.

Day opportunities for people who have acquired deafblindness or Usher syndrome are also offered on an individually tailored basis.

Vocational and Employment Opportunities

Sense has a strong commitment to enabling people to work, whatever their level of ability and disability. With appropriate support, and structured training, people can achieve success, which will help them to develop self-confidence, relationship skills and a sense of purpose. Service users are able to go to work in an open, sheltered or supported setting, with support from trained staff. For some people this may be one hour a week, for others it may be regular employment.

For people who have acquired deafblindness or Usher syndrome, Sense can provide assessments in the workplace, advice on aids and equipment, and support with Access to Work applications.

Who are these services for?

Generally, day and vocational opportunities are designed for people:

- aged of 16 and 65
- with dual sensory impairments
- with sensory impairments and other disabilities.

Services vary in their type and scope according to individual needs.

To find out more about Sense services, [contact the Information and Advice service team](#).