

# Open Sight

**Area covered:** Whole of Hampshire

Open Sight provides services to blind and partially sighted people across Hampshire. Our Independent Living Advisors carry out home visits providing information, advice and guidance; carry out low vision equipment assessments and supports in helping choose the correct magnification and lighting solutions; supply every day living aids from talking clocks and watches, large button telephones, and adapted games; provide support in completing benefit claim forms including appealing decisions and attendance at tribunals. Our mobile advice service provides a drop in clinic for both hearing and sight loss at different locations around the County. Our Family Support Service aims to support the whole family regardless of which member has sight loss. We can give advice on education, social and leisure activities and offer emotional support around family issues. Open Sight has a network of clubs and groups across the County offering the chance to meet and socialise with other visually people in the area. To have an active social life, hobbies and interests to avoid feeling isolated and to stay independent. Our clubs are managed by trained volunteers who organise meetings, outings, entertainment and provide a friendly and caring environment. Our community Development team also assist with arranging holidays both in the UK and abroad which cater for people with sight problems. The charity benefits from the support of 350 volunteers who receive training to suit specific roles. In conjunction with deafPLUS we provide reablement on behalf of Hampshire County Council's Sensory Services teams. Open Sight is funded entirely by voluntary income, individual and group donations, grants, regular giving, fundraising activities and legacies.

## WHO ARE OUR SERVICES FOR

Open Sight provides services to all ages and sex for both sight loss and dual sensory loss (hearing). Two of our Independent Living Advisors hold a BSL II. Where possible we support dementia clients and other disabilities and abilities etc.

## WHO CAN REFER TO OUR SERVICE

Self referral; GPs and Health Care Providers; Adult Services; Community Provider

## WE ARE OPEN

Monday-Thursday	8-4.30pm
Friday	8.30-4pm

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