

Who we are:

The Sensory Impairment Team is a centrally funded, countywide support service comprised of Visual and Hearing Impairment specialist workers.

We provide advice and training to children and young people, their parents and teaching staff on a range of issues that are relevant to sensory loss.

What's important to us (our values):

We work in partnership to secure good outcomes and positive futures for children/ young people.

Our aim is that children and young people with a sensory impairment make good progress, achieve well and develop physical, practical and social skills to promote enjoyment of school, family and community life.

Who is this service for?

We work with children and young people with a primary category of:

- Hearing Impairment
- Visual Impairment
- Dual Sensory Loss

What we do:

Carry out specialist assessments to identify the needs of a child in collaboration with parents, carers / teaching staff as appropriate.

Following assessment, we design and deliver a programme of support. We particularly focus on promoting the development of skills to enable independence.

These assessments and interventions are age/ability appropriate and are reviewed regularly.

We assess for and demonstrate specialist equipment providing specific training as necessary.

We actively encourage, teach and involve parents to support them in helping their child to develop physical, practical and social skills.

We work jointly with the child/young person taking into consideration their views, wishes, perspectives and experiences.

We teach, encourage and offer the opportunity to participate in activities so children can expand their experience and their understanding of the world.

We support children/ young people to develop a positive understanding of their sensory impairment, offering sessions in school to raise awareness amongst peers as appropriate.

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Specialist services for children and young people with sensory impairment



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