



South Eastern Health
and Social Care Trust

Sensory Support Services for Children and Families



Eligibility Criteria

Children from birth up to the age of 19 referred to the **Sensory Support Team** must be resident within the South Eastern HSC Trust and meet one of the following criteria:

- Have a significant sight loss that cannot be corrected by spectacles
- Be profoundly deaf or has been assessed as having a diagnosed hearing condition from mild to severe, by an Audiology Department.

We provide a service to:

- Children who are deaf and hard of hearing
- Children with significant sight loss
- Children with a dual sensory loss (sight and hearing loss)
- Their parents, carers and siblings.

Social Work Service

We can offer practical and emotional support to include:

- An assessment of need
- Carer's assessment
- Advocacy
- Signpost / referral to statutory and voluntary organisations
- Communication support (British Sign Language).

Rehabilitation Service

The rehabilitation worker will complete an assessment regarding your child's sight loss and provide training at home to include:

- Communication skills
- Mobility skills
- Independent living skills
- Demonstrate / provide equipment based on assessed need.

Contact Details for Sensory Support Teams

Ards and North Down Area

Telephone (028) 9151 0136
Text phone (028) 9151 0137
Mobile 07734 282 646
Fax (028) 9151 0145

Down Area

Telephone (028) 4461 6915
Mobile 07739 879 556
Fax (028) 9041 1897

Lisburn Area

Telephone (028) 9260 7746
Text phone (028) 9260 3120
Mobile 07739 879 554
Fax (028) 9041 1369

Contact details for making a referral for a child:

Gateway One Call - One Number 0300 1000 300
Out of Hours Social Work Service after 5.00pm,
weekends and Bank Holidays:
Telephone: (028) 9504 9999

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