

# **Vane House - Visual Impairment Services**

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Darlington Borough Council is committed to promoting the independence of blind/severely sight impaired and partially sighted/sight impaired people.

Vane House Resource Centre provides a range of support to blind & partially sighted people which enables them to gain knowledge, confidence and the skills necessary to enhance their quality of life.

### **Assessment**

At the centre staff can demonstrate equipment that might be of use to assist visually impaired people, for example:

- Communication (e.g. telephones & writing aids)
- Clocks & Watches (e.g. talking & easy-to-see)
- Kitchen (e.g. talking timers & liquid level indicators)
- Labelling (e.g. bump-on's)
- Reading Aids (e.g. CCTV's & typoscope)

### **Mobility**

Rehabilitation staff offer an assessment of your needs for mobility training and subsequent

instruction to assist people to move around safely and independently.

## **Communication**

Our computer suite has specialist software that enables visually impaired service users to access computer systems and learn new skills.

Rehabilitation staff also teach Braille writing skills using manual Perkins Braille writers and instruct on reading Braille.

## **Daily Living**

The resource centre has a purpose-built kitchen which is used by the Rehabilitation Team to offer non-sighted techniques to re-learn or enhance 'kitchen skills'. This rehabilitation work includes the use of standard and specialist equipment to aid safe and successful preparation of meals.

The kitchen is stocked with a range of equipment to aid training, e.g. talking microwave, talking scales and jugs etc.

## **The Team**

- Jacky Wilson – Visual Impairment Officer

If you want to know more about the services offered at Vane House and how to access them, contact Adult Social Care. This service is by appointment only.

### **Vane House Resource Centre**

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