# Devon in Sight Eye Health & Sight Loss Fact Sheet 16

# **Rehabilitation Officer Visual Impairment**

#### Introduction

The Rehabilitation Officer Visual Impairment (ROVIs) provide assessment, advice and support to both children and adults with sight and hearing problems. They can help you to remain or become more independent

### How can a ROVI Help you?

ROVIs assess, advise and support blind and partially sighted people and are qualified to provide training in daily living skills and getting out and about (mobility). They also complete registrations as sight impaired or severely sight impaired and can visit you at home to discuss sight loss, assess your needs and provide information about services and equipment available to help.

They can also make suggestions about adaptations to your home environment and how to use lighting and colour contrast in order to help to minimise the effects of vision loss.

ROVIs can advise about support services, benefit entitlement and sources of help and they can also provide information and support to family members and carers to assist with awareness about sight loss.

#### What to do next?

To contact the Sensory Team please call the numbers below:

**Devon:** 0345 155 1007 **Torbay:** 01803 219 800

If you need any further advice call our Helpline: 01392 876 666

Devon in Sight is a member of the Helpline Partnership Community.

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### **Further Support Available from Devon in Sight**

- Information, Advice and Guidance
- Demonstrations of Low Vision Aids & Daily Living Equipment
- Assistive Technology Solutions
- Our holistic needs assessment (Sight Loss MOT)
- Training for people with central vision loss (Skills for Seeing)
- Emotional Support Service

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