



LEICESTERSHIRE

## Help from Sense

Sense supports older people and their families, carers and the professionals who work with them

◆ Advice, support and information for individuals and their families. Including learning new communication methods and how to get the best from social care services.

◆ Communicator guides and support groups.

◆ Training to help professionals understand the effects of dual sensory loss.

# Assisting older people who have acquired sight & hearing loss

## Deafblindness

Increasing numbers of older people are developing combined hearing and vision problems. Some older people have substantial hearing and vision difficulties—known as deafblindness.

Deafblindness can lead to serious problems with communicating, getting around and accessing information. People can become isolated, depressed and lose their confidence and independence. Fortunately, there are answers to many of the difficulties. With support, help to learn a few new skills and with special equipment, many people adapt successfully. Older people with sight and hearing loss are entitled to receive specialist support - support that can make life seem much more worth living again.

## Sense in Leicestershire

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*We are able to visit people at home to find out what help they might need. We can also guide staff teams as to how they might best support deafblind people they work with.*