

## Multi-Sensory Impairment/Deafblindness Information on Organisations, Charities and Social Media



Name	Focus	Weblink
Kent Together	Kent County Council webpage providing support for vulnerable people, in response to Covid-19. You can apply for help and support with making sure you have enough food and supplies, walking your dog, picking up prescriptions, putting out the bins, taking in parcels, preparing meals for the freezer or to have someone to talk to.	https://www.kent.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/health/coronavirus/kent-together
SENSE	Sense is a charity that provides support for those living with complex disabilities including people who are deafblind. They offer information and advice including housing support. They also have centres and provide activities and short breaks.	https://www.sense.org.uk/
Deafblind UK	Deafblind UK provide a range of services including advice, social groups, befriending service, technology support, holidays and training.	https://deafblind.org.uk/
Kent Association for the Blind	Kent Association for the Blind is a UK charity. They work to prevent avoidable sight loss, deliver support services and enable people to get involved and live independently.	https://www.kab.org.uk/
RNIB – Royal National Institute for the Blind	the Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB), is of the UK's leading sight loss charities and the largest community of blind and partially sighted people.	https://www.rnib.org.uk/about-us
National Deaf Children's Society	They give expert support on childhood deafness, raise awareness and campaign for deaf children's rights, so they have the same opportunities as everyone else.	https://www.ndcs.org.uk/about-us/what- we-do/
Kent Deaf Children's Society	A charity that provides support for children who are deaf or have hearing impairment. They provide different events for children and their families.	https://kdcs.org/
DB-LINK	American organisation but has links to many international articles about deafblindness.	https://www.nationaldb.org/

The CHARGE Syndrome Foundation	Provides information on CHARGE Syndrome.	https://www.chargesyndrome.org/
CHARGE Family Support Group	The CHARGE Family Support Group is a charity that support people with CHARGE Syndrome and their families. It aim is to create a positive, supportive network of individuals, parents, families and professionals to share ideas, experiences, information and give vital support.	http://www.chargesyndrome.org.uk/
CVI Society	The CVI Society is a charity that aims to raise awareness of Cortical Visual Impairment. It offers advice and support to those affected by CVI, their families and caregivers.	https://cvisociety.org.uk/
NatSIP – National Sensory Impairment Partnership	NatSIP, is a partnership of organisations working together to improve outcomes for children and young people with sensory impairment. It provides advice, support and training.	https://www.natsip.org.uk/
Information, Advice and Support Kent	Information, Advice and Support Kent (IASK) IASK support families of children and young people (0 – 25 years) with special educational needs or disabilities. They also support schools in working with parents.	https://www.iask.org.uk/
Kent PACT	A parent carer forum for parents of children and young people with disabilities and additional needs	https://www.kentpact.org.uk/
Space 2 Be Me	Space 2 Be Me supports families in Maidstone, Kent with disabled children who want to access local advice and support. They provide different activities for children.	https://space2beme.org.uk/
Sensory Service Kent	This is the Kent Sensory Service Facebook page for Adult Social Care Sensory and Autism Team.	https://www.facebook.com/KCCSensoryServices/
Paths to Literacy	Website focussing on literacy for learners who are blind or have visual impairment. It includes a section for deafblind. It offers a range of activity ideas and resources at different levels, covering a range of skills.	https://www.pathstoliteracy.org/topic/deaf blind
Kidz to Adultz Exhibitions	Provides exhibitions and events.	https://www.kidzexhibitions.co.uk/kidz- south/
RISE Expo	RISE provides a regional disability exhibition & conference within the UK.	https://rise4disability.com/home

Sensory and Special Needs Equipment Buy and Sell UK	Facebook page for selling and buying sensory and specialist equipment.	https://www.facebook.com/groups/48214 0011926800/
A Mom's Musings	A blog completed by a Mum, about her son Orion, who is deafblind.	http://hexwit.blogspot.com/p/passport-to- orion.html
Pimp my hearing aid/cochlear implant	Facebook page about personalising hearing aids or cochlear implants	https://www.facebook.com/groups/pimpm yhearingaidsandcochlearimplants/
Special Needs Equipment Advice Page UK	Facebook page for advice about specialised equipment.	https://www.facebook.com/groups/14852 43548425316/
CVI Awareness	Facebook page about CVI awareness.	https://www.facebook.com/groups/68372 023824/
Special Needs Holidays and Days Out	Facebook page about holidays and days out for families with children with special needs.	https://www.facebook.com/groups/80746 5622675204/
Children DLA days out, discounts tips and advice. Disability Living Allowance	Facebook page about holidays and days out for families with children with special needs. Shares discount advice and tips.	https://www.facebook.com/groups/DLAchi ldrensDaysOut/
Etta Loves	Online shop selling visually stimulating baby accessories	Ettaloves.com