

Name of service/organisation:

Sense (support for deafblind children & their families)

Description: Sense offers a range of support for deafblind children and their families, which includes:

- **Support** from an identified Children's Specialist Services team member in your area, who can offer advice and support plus the chance to attend groups and family events.
- **Working with professionals**, to help them better understand the nature of multi-sensory impairment, so they are better able to support families.
- **Information** on a wide range of subjects relating to children, young people and deafblindness, including practical ideas on topics like sleeping, eating and playing, plus information on education and communication. Branches
- **Branches** are groups of people who are interested in deafblindness and other associated disabilities who come together to offer each other mutual support.
- **Intervenors** provide one-to-one support, in a choice of settings, to congenitally deafblind children or adults - enabling the individual's social and personal development, encouraging their independence and facilitating their communication with the world around them.
- **Holidays** - each year Sense organises around 25 summer holidays for over 120 deafblind children and adults. From canoeing to climbing – each holiday gives deafblind people the chance to have fun and try new experiences.
- **Short breaks** - offer children and young people up to the age of 19 years and their families fun and interesting 'getaway' opportunities throughout the year in Cornwall and Cambridgeshire.
- **Support into adulthood** - as children get older, Sense helps them - and their families - to make plans and practical arrangements for their future adult life. Sense also provides a range of housing and educational support to deafblind adults.

Intended client group:

Sense supports children who have difficulties with sight and hearing and sometimes learning or other additional disabilities. It also supports children who have medical conditions that are likely to cause problems with sight and hearing as they grow older – for example usher Syndrome. Some support might be offered to the families of children who have problems with either vision or hearing combined with learning or other additional disabilities.



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