**Directory of Low Vision Services – Leeds**

**NHS Low Vision Aids**

Lead: Tim Hunter

Address: Low Vision Service, St James’s University Hospital, Beckett Street Leeds LS9 7TF

Telephone 0113 2064742

Email leedsth-tr.optometry@nhs.net

Services: Low vision aids; optical magnifiers, telescopes, spectacles mounted LVAs, tinted and wrap around spectacles. No electronic aids available on the NHS (inc. electronic vision enhancement systems (EVES))

Access: Referral from optometrist or GP.

**Eye Clinic Liaison Officer (ECLO)**

Lead: Charlotte Procter

Address: ECLO, St James’s University Hospital, Beckett Street Leeds LS9 7TF

Telephone: 0113 2064 923 Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm

Email: Charlotte.Procter1@nhs.net or jade.burniston@nhs.net

Services: Happy to take referrals from community. Referral by phone or email would be the best.

Support and signposting to services including funded by Local Authority, charities and self-help groups

Access: Self-referral or referral from HES, optometrist or GP.

**Sensory Impairment Team**

Website: [www.bid.org.uk](http://www.bid.org.uk)

Lead: Christina Jessop

Address: Leeds Hearing and Sight Loss Service, Gallery House, 5th floor, 123-131 Headrow, Leeds LS1 5RD

Telephone: 0113 288 5750 Mon – Thurs 9am to 5pm and Fri 9am to 4.30pm.

Mobile: 07702 940888

Email: leedsinfo@bid.org.uk

Services: Hosts the sensory impairment team. Home visit assessments available as well as signposting to local and national agencies. Self help groups

Access: Self-referral or referral from ECLO, optometrist or GP.

Rehabilitation Officers Contact Centre

Telephone: 0113 2224401

**Leeds Council children’s services**

Website: <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/local-offer/visual-impairment-team>

Lead: Catherine White

Telephone: 0113 378 5296.

Address: City Lead Teacher of the Visually Impaired, Adam’s Court, Kildare Terrace, Leeds, LS12 1DB

Email: educ.sey@leeds.gov.uk

Services: Assessment for emotional and educational support. Educational solutions found at the schools below, or elsewhere. Signposting for children and families to other services.

**Local Charities**

**Leeds Society for Deaf and Blind People** – Charity for People with Visual Impairment and/or Hearing Impairment

Website: [www.lsdbp.org](http://www.lsdbp.org)

Lead: William Towning

Address: The Centre, St Mary’s Street, Leeds LS9 7DP

Telephone: 0113 243 8328

Email: william.towning@leedssocietyfordeafandblind.org.uk

Services: Do not have to have hearing impairment to access services. Friendship café, transcription service and emotional support

**Guide Dogs -** Yorkshire

Website: <https://www.guidedogs.org.uk/services-we-provide/>

Telephone: 0345 1430210

Email: leeds@guidedogs.org.uk (regional centre that serves Bradford too)

Services: Guide dogs, but also “My Guide” - sighted guiding service

 For children:

<https://www.guidedogs.org.uk/services-we-provide/children-and-young-peoples-services/>

[Access technology and grants](https://www.guidedogs.org.uk/services-we-provide/children-and-young-peoples-services/access-technology-and-grants/) [Buddy dogs for children](https://www.guidedogs.org.uk/services-we-provide/children-and-young-peoples-services/buddy-dogs-for-children/)

[CustomEyes books](https://www.guidedogs.org.uk/services-we-provide/children-and-young-peoples-services/customeyes-books/) [Education support](https://www.guidedogs.org.uk/services-we-provide/children-and-young-peoples-services/education-support/)

[Family support](https://www.guidedogs.org.uk/services-we-provide/children-and-young-peoples-services/family-support/) [Guide dogs for children and young people](https://www.guidedogs.org.uk/services-we-provide/children-and-young-peoples-services/guide-dogs-for-children-and-young-people/)

[Movement matters](https://www.guidedogs.org.uk/services-we-provide/children-and-young-peoples-services/movement-matters/) [Recreational activities](https://www.guidedogs.org.uk/services-we-provide/children-and-young-peoples-services/recreational-activities/)

**National Charities**

**RNIB**

Website: <https://www.rnib.org.uk/>

Telephone: 0303 123 9999

Email: helpline@rnib.org.uk

Services: Main national charity supporting people with sight loss. Emotional support, safer living aids, modern apps and computer accessibility, lobbying for people with sight loss.

**Macula Society**

Website: <https://www.macularsociety.org/>

Telephone: 0300 3030 111

Services: Support and research for people with macula disease, their families and carers

**SeeAbility**

Website: <https://www.seeability.org/>

Telephone 01372 755 000

Email: enquiries@seeability.org

Services: Support and preventative services alongside people with learning disabilities, autism, and sight loss, enabling them to realise their goals every day.

**Blind Veterans UK**

Website: <https://www.blindveterans.org.uk/>

Address: Blind Veterans UK 12-14 Harcourt Street, London. W1H 4HD

Telephone: 0800 389 7979

Email: supporter.services@blindveterans.org.uk

Services: Supporting people who can be registered severely sight impaired and who have been in the forces. National Service makes people eligible. Sight loss does not have to be related to military service. Emotional support, course on recent sight loss, payment for electronic LVAs inc. EVES.

Email: enquiries@calibre.org.uk

Services: Extensive talking books service

Access: Self-referral or advocate. Self-declare sight loss and £35 joining fee