

SEND NEWS SPLASH

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Practitioners and professionals - we need your help!

We want to be able to provide you with the right information, advice and training so that you/your service can meet the needs of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities well within your job role/service area. We need your feedback in order to be able to do this. Please complete the SEND workforce development survey 2023, by clicking [HERE](#), it is open until Friday 28 July 2023.

The survey should take approximately 15-20 minutes of your time to complete and is for anyone working with children/young people who may require additional support or SEND support, as well as children/young people with Educational Health Care Plans.

Deafblind
Awareness
Week



Tune In

26 June – 2 July 2023
#DeafblindAwarenessWeek

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Deaf Blind Awareness Week runs from the 26th -2nd July 2023.

The theme for this year is: Tune in to your sight and hearing. This means we need to pay attention to any signs of sight or hearing loss, getting your sight and hearing tested and getting help and advice as soon as you need it.

What is deafblindness? Deafblindness is a disability in its own right. Deafblindness is a combination of sight and hearing loss to the point where your communication, mobility and ability to access information are impacted. Everyone's experience of deafblindness is unique. Some might need to adjust the settings or volumes on their TV or mobile phones. Others may need more specific help or equipment like guide dogs, canes and formal assistance.

According to figures reported by Sense, in 2023 over 450,000 people in the UK are deafblind. This is expected to increase to over 610,000 by 2035.

For more information and resources on Deaf Blind Awareness Week please visit [Deafblind UK's web page](#).



You can also visit the Swindon Local Offer for resources and information:

[Swindon Local Offer - Hearing Support Team](#)

[Swindon Local Offer - Specialist Equipment](#)

[Swindon Local Offer - Swindon Vision Support Service](#)

[Swindon Local Offer - Swindon Deaf Children's Society](#)

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