**L&SC Services to Support Patients with Sight Loss**

The following pages detail the Low Vision, ECLO, Voluntary and Statutory services available in different parts of Lancashire & South Cumbria.

*None of these resources require someone to be registered Sight Impaired / Severely Sight Impaired in order to receive assistance.*

**Low Vision Service:** A clinically informed evaluation of the impact of sight loss on an individual and identification of a variety of strategies to meet the resulting challenges. Making best use of remaining vision using magnifiers, lighting, visual aids, and sight training strategies.

**Eye Clinic Liaison Officer (ECLO):** The link between primary and secondary care clinical services and non-clinical support services for people with sight loss. ECLO’s provide emotional support, practical advice, impartial information, guidance, and advocacy and connect with other community resources.

**Local Council:** Statutory support and rehabilitation via Rehabilitation Officers for the Visually Impaired (ROVIs).

**Voluntary & Community Organisations:** Charities and other groups that provide a wide range of support services.

**National Charities**

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| **Sightline** | Charity based in NW England offering a free telephone-based befriending service designed to reduce loneliness and isolation for anyone living with a visual impairment. | [**sightline.org.uk**](http://sightline.org.uk/) |
| **Guide Dogs** | Support to live actively, independently, and well with sight loss | [**guidedogs.org.uk**](http://guidedogs.org.uk/) |
| **RNIB** | Inspiring people with sight loss to transform their personal experience | [**rnib.org.uk**](http://rnib.org.uk/) |
| **Macular Society** | There is no need to face macular disease alone | [**macularsociety.org**](http://macularsociety.org/) |
| **Glaucoma UK** | Supporting people to live well with glaucoma | [**glaucoma.uk**](https://glaucoma.uk/) |
| **Blind Veterans** | Helping blind ex-Service people lead independent and fulfilling lives | [**blindveterans.org.uk**](http://blindveterans.org.uk/) |
| **Deaf Blind UK** | Showing people that there can be a life beyond deafblindness | [**deafblind.org.uk**](http://deafblind.org.uk/) |
| **SeeAbility** | Supporting people who have learning disabilities or autism | [**seeability.org**](http://seeability.org/) |
| **Sense** | For everyone living with complex disabilities | [**sense.org.uk**](http://sense.org.uk/) |

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**Barrow-in-Furness and Grange-over-Sands**

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| **Community Low Vision Service** | Lead community provider: [**Primary Eyecare Services**](https://primaryeyecare.co.uk/)  See appendix for participating practices, but also including;  **Vision Support Barrow & District (VSBD)**  Primary care ophthalmic referrals via OPERA  Web: <https://vsbd.org.uk/>  Email: [info@vsbd.org.uk](mailto:info@vsbd.org.uk)  Phone: 01229 440 556  Location: VSBD Vision Support Centre  67-69 Cavendish Street, Barrow in Furness, LA14 1QD  Also available at Peninsula Medical Centre  Kents Bank Road, Grange-over-Sands, LA11 7DJ  *Ros Killip (Dispensing Optician)*  *Paediatric Low Vision*   * Contact ‘Sight Advice South Lakes’ (Kendal), or ECLO * Ensure patient is know to paediatric ophthalmology |
| **ECLO** | *Adele Williams (VSBD)*  [adele.williams@vsbd.org.uk](mailto:paul.laing@vsbd.org.uk)  Location: VSBD Vision Support Centre – see above. |
| **Local Voluntary / Community** | Vision Support Barrow and District (VSBD)  [vsbd.org.uk](http://vsbd.org.uk/) |
| **Local Council** | Westmorland & Furness Council Adult Social Care  [customerservicesASC@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk](mailto:customerservicesASC@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk) Phone: 0300 373 3301  ROVI: *Ali Hassan* |

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**Kendal area**

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| **Community Low Vision Service** | Lead community provider: [**Primary Eyecare Services**](https://primaryeyecare.co.uk/)  See appendix for participating practices, but also including;  **Sight Advice South Lakes**  Primary care ophthalmic referrals via OPERA  Web: [sightadvice.org.uk](http://sightadvice.org.uk/)  Email: [info@sightadviceorg.uk](mailto:info@sightadviceorg.uk)  Phone: 01539 769055  Location: The Bradbury Centre  116 Highgate, Kendal, LA9 4HE  *Tim Ward and Jackie Bateman (SASL)*  *Paediatric Low Vision:*   * Contact ‘Sight Advice South Lakes’ as above, or ECLO. * Ensure patient is know to paediatric ophthalmology |
| **ECLO** | *Sarah Stoddard (SASL)* [sarah@sightadvice.org.uk](mailto:sarah@sightadvice.org.uk)  *Tim Ward (SASL)* [tim@sightadvice.org.uk](file:///C:\Users\SaraCook\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Outlook\43D986ST\tim@sightadvice.org.uk)  Location: Westmorland General Hospital or SASL - see above. |
| **Local Voluntary / Community** | Sight Advice South Lakes – see above  [sightadvice.org.uk](http://sightadvice.org.uk/) |
| **Local Council** | Westmorland and Furness Council  [Ali.Hassan@WestmorlandandFurness.gov.uk](mailto:Ali.Hassan@WestmorlandandFurness.gov.uk)  Contact: Ali Hassan  [Carol.Prescott@WestmorlandandFurness.gov.uk](file:///C:\Users\SaraCook\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Outlook\43D986ST\Carol.Prescott@WestmorlandandFurness.gov.uk)  Contact: Carol Prescott  0300 373 3300 |

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**Lancaster & Morecambe**

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| **Community Low Vision Service** | Lead community provider: [**Primary Eyecare Services**](https://primaryeyecare.co.uk/)  See appendix for participating practices, but also including;  **Galloways Society (Morecambe)**  Primary care ophthalmic referrals via OPERA  Web: [galloways.org.uk](https://galloways.org.uk/)  Email: [referrals.galloways@nhs.net](mailto:referrals.galloways@nhs.net)  NHS.net:[galloways.lowvision@nhs.net](mailto:galloways.lowvision@nhs.net)  Phone: 01772 744 148  Location: ‘Brew Me Sunshine’, 12 Victoria Street  Morecambe, LA4 4AH  *Glen Sheader – Low Vision Lead*  *Paediatric Low Vision*   * Contact Galloways as above, or ECLO * Ensure patient is known to paediatric ophthalmology |
| **ECLO** | *Sharon Thomas (Galloways)*  [sharon.thomas40@nhs.net](mailto:sharon.thomas40@nhs.net)  [sharon.thomas@galloways.org.uk](mailto:sharon.thomas@galloways.org.uk)  Location: Royal Lancaster Infirmary + Galloways – see above |
| **Local Voluntary / Community** | Galloways – see above  [Galloways.org.uk](http://galloways.org.uk/) |
| **Local Council** | [Lancashire County Council Sensory Impairment Team](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/living-with-a-disability/living-with-sensory-loss/)  Tel: 0300 123 6720  csc.acscustomerservices@lancashire.gov.uk |

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**Preston & Chorley**

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| **Community Low Vision Service** | Lead community provider: [**Primary Eyecare Services**](https://primaryeyecare.co.uk/)  See appendix for participating practices, but also including;  **Galloways Society (Preston and Chorley)**  Primary care ophthalmic referrals via OPERA  Web: [galloways.org.uk](https://galloways.org.uk/)  Email: [referrals.galloways@nhs.net](mailto:referrals.galloways@nhs.net)  Phone: 01772 744 148  Location: Howick Park Avenue, Preston, PR1 0LS  Location: 1A Farrington Street, Chorley, PR7 1DY  *Glen Sheader – Low Vision Lead*  **Additional Resource:**  UCLAN Eye Health Clinic  Low Vision Aid Assessments available for a nominal fee  Contact Hannah Ward (Clinic Co-ordinator)  01772 89 1900 EyeClinic@uclan.ac.uk |
| **Hospital Low Vision Service** | **Adult and Paediatric Low Vision Service at**  **Lancashire Teaching Hospitals Trust**  Locations: Royal Preston and Chorley District Hospitals  (Also at Avenham Health Centre for Paediatrics)  *Razia Choksi (Orthoptist)*  Internal Referrals & Contact : [OrthopticsLVA@lthtr.nhs.uk](mailto:OrthopticsLVA@lthtr.nhs.uk)  Referral from Primary Care via standard referral pathway |
| **ECLO** | *Paula Haughton (Galloways)*  [paula.houghton2@nhs.net](mailto:paula.houghton2@nhs.net)  [paula.houghton@galloways.org.uk](mailto:paula.haughton@galloways.org.uk)  Lancashire Eye Centre + Galloways – see above |
| **Local Voluntary / Community** | Galloways – see above  [Galloways.org.uk](http://galloways.org.uk/) |
| **Local Council** | [Lancashire County Council Sensory Impairment Team](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/living-with-a-disability/living-with-sensory-loss/)  Tel: 0300 123 6720  csc.acscustomerservices@lancashire.gov.uk |

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**Pennine Lancashire & Blackburn with Darwen**

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| **Community Low Vision Service** | Lead community provider: [**Primary Eyecare Services**](https://primaryeyecare.co.uk/)  See appendix for participating practices, but also including;  **Galloways Society (Accrington)**  Primary care ophthalmic referrals via OPERA  Web: [galloways.org.uk](https://galloways.org.uk/) Email: [referrals.galloways@nhs.net](mailto:referrals.galloways@nhs.net)  Phone: 01772 744 148  Location: Hindburn Community Resource Centre,  Cannon Street, Accrington, BB5 2ER  *Glen Sheader – Low Vision Lead* |
| **Hospital Low Vision Service** | **Adult and Paediatric Low Vision Service at**  **Royal Blackburn & Burnley General Hospitals**  *Zakir Ghanchi (Orthoptist)*  Adult service caters for people with learning difficulty and those who need hospital transport only. Refer via routine pathway stating diagnosis and reason LVA is required in HES. |
| **ECLO** | *Katy Whitwell (RNIB)*  Royal Blackburn & Burnley General Hospitals  [Katy.Whitwell@rnib.org.uk](mailto:Katy.Whitwell@rnib.org.uk)  [rnib.ecloblackburnandburnley@nhs.net](mailto:rnib.ecloblackburnandburnley@nhs.net)  *Please use RNIB Referral form, or letter detailing similar.* |
| **Local Voluntary / Community** | Galloways – see above.  Blackburn and District Blind Society.  Web: [bbsoc.org.uk](https://www.bbsoc.org.uk/) Email:[mike.latham@bbsoc.org.uk](mailto:mike.latham@bbsoc.org.uk)  Phone: 01254 698683 Mob 07422 696809  Burnley & District Society for Blind & Visually Impaired  Web: burnleyblindsociety.co.uk  Email: burnleyblindclub@hotmail.com  *Mark Procter* on 07902 192066, or *Chris* on 07874 210772 |
| **Local Council** | [Blackburn w Darwen Council Sensory Impairment Team](https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/node/2635)  Tel: 01254 587547  Email: [CLO@blackburn.gov.uk](mailto:CLO@blackburn.gov.uk)  [Lancashire County Council Sensory Impairment Team](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/living-with-a-disability/living-with-sensory-loss/)  Tel: 0300 123 6720  Email: [csc.acscustomerservices@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:csc.acscustomerservices@lancashire.gov.uk) |

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**West Lancashire**

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| **Community Low Vision Service** | Lead community provider: [**Primary Eyecare Services**](https://primaryeyecare.co.uk/)  See appendix for participating practices, but also including;  **Galloways Society (Sefton & West Lancs)**  Primary care ophthalmic referrals via OPERA  Web: [galloways.org.uk](https://galloways.org.uk/)  Email: [referrals.galloways@nhs.net](mailto:referrals.galloways@nhs.net)  Phone: 01772 744 148  Location: Various/Remote  *Glen Sheader – Low Vision Lead* |
| **Hospital Low Vision Service** | **Adult and Paediatric Low Vision Service at**  **Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust** Locations: Southport & Formby DGH & Ormskirk DGH  Phone: 01704 704969  *Karen Knowles (Lead Orthoptist)*  [karen.knowles2@MerseyWestLancs.nhs.uk](mailto:karen.knowles2@MerseyWestLancs.nhs.uk)  Referrals: [soh-tr.pink-team@merseywestlancs.nhs.uk](mailto:soh-tr.pink-team@merseywestlancs.nhs.uk)  *Please provide a letter or referral form* |
| **ECLO** | *Nicola Savage (RNIB)*  [Nicola.savage@rnib.org.uk](mailto:Nicola.savage@rnib.org.uk)  Location: Southport & Ormskirk DGHs  *Please use RNIB Referral form, or letter detailing similar.* |
| **Local Voluntary / Community** | Galloways – see above. |
| **Local Council** | [Lancashire County Council Sensory Impairment Team](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/living-with-a-disability/living-with-sensory-loss/)  Tel: 0300 123 6720  [csc.acscustomerservices@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:csc.acscustomerservices@lancashire.gov.uk)  [Sefton Council](https://www.sefton.gov.uk/social-care/adults/) – Rehabilitation (ROVI) through Galloways |

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**Blackpool, Fylde & Wyre**

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| **Low Vision Service** | Lead community provider: [**Primary Eyecare Services**](https://primaryeyecare.co.uk/)  See appendix for participating practices, but also including;  **N-Vision Low Vision Centre** – [link](https://nvision-nw.co.uk/services/low-vision-centre/)  Primary care ophthalmic referrals via OPERA  Web: [nvision-nw.co.uk](https://nvision-nw.co.uk/)  Email: [info@nvision-nw.co.uk](mailto:info@nvision-nw.co.uk)  Phone: 01253 362696  Location: Bosworth Place, Squires Gate, Blackpool, FY4 1SH  *Bailey Pack (Low Vision Practitioner & Tech advice)*  *Stephanie Beasley (Low Vision Practitioner)*  *Brian Casey – Community Services Manager*  [brian@nvision-nw.co.uk](mailto:brian@nvision-nw.co.uk)  *Paediatric Low Vision*  Ensure children with low vision are known to paediatric ophthalmology and connected to the ECLO. |
| **ECLO** | *Linda Sethi (N-Vision)*  [*Linda.sethi@nvision-nw.co.uk*](mailto:Linda.sethi@nvision-nw.co.uk)  [linda.sethi@nhs.net](mailto:linda.sethi@nhs.net)  N-Vision and Blackpool Victoria Hospital, FY3 8NR. |
| **Local Voluntary / Community** | N-Vision[nvision-nw.co.uk](file:///Users/Tom/Desktop/LEHN/Sight%20Loss%20+%20Low%20Vision%20Group/nvision-nw.co.uk)  *The Princess Alexandra Care Home:* dedicated care and support for visually impaired people Tel: 01253 403091  *Care Givers Service:*specialist home support that encourages independence and wellbeing Tel: 01253 362685 / 403091 |
| **Local Council** | Blackpool Council - Sensory Impairment Team  *Tracy Elliott (Rehabilitation Officer Vision Impairment)*  [tracy.elliott@blackpool.gov.uk](mailto:tracy.elliott@blackpool.gov.uk) Tel: 01253 477757  *Tracey Stott (Sensory Needs Officer)*  [tracey.stott@blackpool.gov.uk](mailto:tracey.stott@blackpool.gov.uk)  Fylde & Wyre Councils – via Lancashire County Council  [Lancashire County Council Sensory Impairment Team](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/living-with-a-disability/living-with-sensory-loss/)  Tel: 03001236720  [csc.acscustomerservices@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:csc.acscustomerservices@lancashire.gov.uk) |

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**Primary Care Optical Practices and Sight Loss Charities**

**Providing Community Low Vision Service through Primary Eyecare Services**

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| **Locality** | **Practice name** |  |
| Westmorland and Furness | Richard Haynes Opticians |  |
| Blackburn with Darwen | SUSAN HILTON OPTICIANS - BRIDGE STREET |  |
| Blackburn with Darwen | PETER WORDEN OPTICIANS (DARWEN) |  |
| Blackburn with Darwen | PETER WORDEN OPTICIANS (BLACKBURN) |  |
| Blackburn with Darwen | TYRRELLS AND EMBERY |  |
| Blackburn with Darwen | IDEAL EYECARE |  |
| Blackburn with Darwen | VISION EXPRESS (BLACKBURN) |  |
| Burnley | SPECSAVERS (BURNLEY) |  |
| Burnley | J BROWN LTD |  |
| Chorley | SUSAN HILTON OPTICIANS - BABYLON LANE |  |
| Pendle | JAMES BONTOFT OPTOMETRISTS |  |
| Preston | M J RYAN EYECARE LTD |  |
| Rossendale | BURGESS & WORDEN OPTICIANS |  |
| Rossendale | HATTONS & WORDEN OPTICIANS |  |
| Wyre | CLARE & HOWARD LTD |  |
| South Ribble | Longton Optical |  |
| Hyndburn | BOOTS OPTICIANS (ACCRINGTON) |  |
| Ribble Valley | Stephen Taylor Opticians |  |
| Burnley | Eyesite Opticians |  |
| Westmorland and Furness | Bagot Opticians |  |
| South Ribble | Eyesentials Opticians |  |
| Wyre | FYLDE VISIONCARE LTD |  |
| Fylde | THOMPSON AND HARDWICK |  |
| Blackpool | L WOODHOUSE LTD |  |
| Blackpool | Wooding Opticians |  |
| Blackpool | BLACKPOOL FYLDE AND WYRE SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND |  |
| Westmorland and Furness | VISION SUPPORT BARROW AND DISTRICT |  |
| Hyndburn | GALLOWAYS SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND - ACCRINGTON |  |
| Westmorland and Furness | SIGHT ADVICE SOUTH LAKES |  |
| Lancaster | GALLOWAYS SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND - MORECAMBE |  |
| South Ribble | GALLOWAYS SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND |  |
| Chorley | GALLOWAYS SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND - CHORLEY |  |
| Blackburn with Darwen | BUBBLE EYECARE - HOME VISITING OPTICIAN\* |
| Westmorland and Furness | OPTICAL HEALTH AT HOME\* |

Domiciliary provision\*

Note: This list was accurate on 01/04/2025 but is susceptible to change