



We (Sight Advice South Lakes) are aware that there are no services outside of South Lakeland and Barrow (Vision Support Barrow and District) catering specifically for children with a vision impairment. We are able to offer some advice over the phone and you can come into our main office in Kendal or to Barrow Vision Support as well.

There are three other sight loss charities in Cumbria covering Eden, Carlisle and West Cumbria who offer support to partially sighted and blind adults but may be able to advise you of other services local to you. However, as another option we have listed a range of resources that you can contact who may be able to support you and your child.

At your local hospital, there is an Eye Clinic Liaison Officer (ECLO) who will be able to give you some information about services that are available to you; currently Karen Townsend is the ECLO working across three hospitals in North Cumbria, Karen will have knowledge of services available in your area. Your local authority has a Qualified Teacher for Visually Impaired. Contact a member of the SEND Team Email: SEND@cumberland.gov.uk Telephone: 01946 506 211 (Allerdale and Copeland) Telephone: 01228 226 842 (Carlisle) Ruth Humpage manages this team.

In addition, these charities support children and families and may be able to provide you with the help you need.

Local sight loss charities

www.sightadvice.org.uk (Children and Young people support)

[Vision Support Barrow & District \(vsbd.org.uk\)](http://vsbd.org.uk) (Children and Young people support)

[Eden Sight Support](#)

[West Cumbria Society for the Blind England \(sightlosslifeline.wixsite.com\)](http://sightlosslifeline.wixsite.com)

[Carlisle Society for the Blind \(carlisleblindsociety.org.uk\)](http://carlisleblindsociety.org.uk)

Other charities

[Cumbria Family Support - supporting children & families since 1993](#)

[Cumbria Youth Alliance \(cya.org.uk\)](#)

[0-19 Child and Family Support Service - Family Action \(family-action.org.uk\)](#)

[Counselling and therapy for children and young people Carlisle Cumbria \(pactherapy.org\)](#)

[Homepage | Cumberland Family Hubs](#)

National sight loss charities

[LOOK – Supporting Visually Impaired Young People to Thrive \(look-uk.org\)](#)

[VICTA | Children and young adults who are blind or partially sighted](#)

[Support for Children with Visual Impairment | Guide Dogs UK](#)

[Education and learning tools for visually impaired children | RNIB | RNIB](#)

If you have any questions, please do give us a call and we will try our best to signpost you in the right direction.

Thank you,

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