**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**](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5CTom%5CDesktop%5CLEHN%5CLow%20Vision%20Group%5Cglaucoma.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** |

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

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| **Low Vision Service** | Galloways Low Vision ServiceHosted by Vision Support Barrow & District (VSBD)Phone: 01229 440556Location: VSBD Vision Support Centre67-69 Cavendish Street, Barrow in Furness, LA14 1QDAlso available at Peninsula Medical CentreKents Bank Road, Grange-over-Sands, LA11 7DJ*Ros Killip (Dispensing Optician)*Referrals via: galloways.lowvision@nhs.net*Please use Galloways referral form**Paediatric Low Vision** Contact ‘Sight Advice South Lakes’ (Kendal), or ECLO
* Ensure patient is know to paediatric ophthalmology
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| **ECLO** | *Adele Williams (VSBD)*adele.williams@vsbd.org.ukLocation: VSBD Vision Support Centre – see above. |
| **Local Voluntary / Community** | Vision Support Barrow and District (VSBD)[vsbd.org.uk](http://vsbd.org.uk/) |
| **Local Council** | Cumbria County Council Health & Care ServicesPhone 0300 303 2704ROVI: *Martin Ikast* |

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**Kendal area**

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| Low Vision Service | Galloways Low Vision ServiceHosted by Sight Advice South LakesPhone: 01539 769055Location: The Bradbury Centre116 Highgate, Kendal, LA9 4HE*Jonathan Deegan (Optometrist) and**Tim Ward (Assistive Technology Officer at SASL)*Referrals: galloways.lowvision@nhs.net*Please use Galloways referral form**Paediatric Low Vision:** Contact ‘Sight Advice South Lakes’ as above, or ECLO.
* Ensure patient is know to paediatric ophthalmology
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| ECLO | *Sarah Stoddard (SASL)*sarah@sightadvice.org.ukLocation: 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 | Cumbria County Council Health & Care ServicesPhone 0300 303 2704ROVI: Martin Ikast |

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**Lancaster & Morecambe**

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| **Low Vision Service** | Galloways Low Vision ServicePhone: 01524 414846 Location: ‘Brew Me Sunshine’, 12 Victoria StreetMorecambe, LA4 4AH*Claire Kinley (Optometrist)*Referrals: galloways.lowvision@nhs.net*Please use Galloways referral form**Paediatric Low Vision** Contact Galloways as above, or ECLO
* Ensure patient is know to paediatric ophthalmology
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| **ECLO** | *Sharon Thomas (Galloways)*sharon.thomas40@nhs.netsharon.thomas@galloways.org.ukLocation: 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: 03001236720csc.acscustomerservices@lancashire.gov.uk |

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**Preston & Chorley**

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| **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 Referral from Primary Care via standard referral pathway**Adult Low Vision Services at Galloways & Optical Practices****Galloways Preston**Phone: 01772 744148Location: Howick Park Avenue, Preston, PR1 0LS**Galloways Chorley**Phone: 01257 275160Location: 1A Farrington Street, Chorley, PR7 1DY*Claire Kinley (Optometrist)*Referrals: galloways.lowvision@nhs.net*Please use Galloways referral form***Low Vision Service** **in Optical Practices** – *see list attached* |
| **ECLO** | *Paula Haughton & Nicola Smith (Galloways)*paula.houghton2@nhs.netpaula.houghton@galloways.org.uknicola.smith244@nhs.netLancashire 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: 03001236720csc.acscustomerservices@lancashire.gov.uk |

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**Preston & Chorley**

**List of Primary Care Optical Practices offering Adult Low Vision Services**

**Preston**

**Ryan Eyecare**

55 Tithebarn Street

PR1 1DJ

01772 250154

**Bamber Bridge**

**Spectacle Factory**

Unit A, Dewhurst Row

01772 312213

**Leyland**

**Eyesentials**

70 HOUGH LANE

LEYLAND

LANCASHIRE

PR25 2YB

**Longridge**

**Stephen Taylor Opticians**

13 BERRY LANE

LONGRIDGE

PRESTON

LANCASHIRE

PR3 3JA

**See also practices in Blackpool and Fylde Coast which offer the same service**

**Additional Resource (non-commissioned):**

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

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**Pennine Lancashire & Blackburn with Darwen**

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| Low Vision Service | **Primary Eyecare Adult Low Vision Service** - [link](https://www.loc-online.co.uk/pennine-lancashire-loc/information-for-patients/enhanced-services/)Locations: multiple primary care optical practices – [link](https://www.loc-online.co.uk/pennine-lancashire-loc/wp-content/uploads/sites/44/2021/02/east-lancashire-low-vision-service.pdf)Practitioners: Primary Care OptometristsReferrals: Direct from ELHT to individual practices. Patients can be referred by other clinicians or self-present.**Adult and Paediatric Low Vision Service at****Royal Blackburn & Burnley General Hospitals***Zakir Ghanchi (Orthoptist)*Also caters for people with learning difficulty and those who need hospital transport. Refer via usual routine pathway stating diagnosis and reason LVA is required in HES. |
| ECLO | *Jenny Molineux (RNIB) [Maternity leave from 13th April 2022]*Royal Blackburn & Burnley General Hospitalsjenny.molineux@nhs.netjenny.molineux@rnib.org.ukPlease use RNIB Referral form, or letter detailing similar.*For interim cover use:*rnib.ecloblackburnand burnley@nhs.net |
| Local Voluntary / Community | ELVIN (Accrington & District Blind Society)[accringtonblindsociety.org.uk](http://accringtonblindsociety.org.uk/)Blackburn and District Blind Society[bbsoc.org.uk](https://www.bbsoc.org.uk/)Burnley & District Society for Blind & Visually ImpairedContact Mark Proctermbprocter@hotmail.co.uk *or* 07902 192066 |
| Local Council | [Blackburn w Darwen Council Sensory Impairment Team](https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/disability-support-and-independent-living/visual-impairment)[Lancashire County Council Sensory Impairment Team](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/living-with-a-disability/living-with-sensory-loss/)Tel: 03001236720csc.acscustomerservices@lancashire.gov.uk |

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**West Lancashire**

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| **Low Vision Service** | **Adult and Paediatric Low Vision Service at****Southport and Ormskirk Hospital Trust**Locations: Southport & Formby DGH & Ormskirk DGHPhone: 01704 704969*Mr Anthony Hanlon (Optometrist)**Dr Columba Scallan (Optometrist)*Referrals: soh-tr.patientaccess@nhs.netAlso copy in the clinicians:Karen Knowles kknowles@nhs.net (Lead Orthoptist)Columa Scallan c.scallan@nhs.net (Optometrist)Tony Hanlon anthony.hanlon1@nhs.net (Optometrist)Please provide a letter or use Galloways referral form |
| **ECLO** | *Debbie Williams (RNIB)*debbie.williams@rnib.org.ukPlease use RNIB Referral form, or letter detailing similar. |
| **Local Voluntary / Community** | Galloways[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: 03001236720csc.acscustomerservices@lancashire.gov.uk[Sefton Council](https://www.sefton.gov.uk/social-care/adults/) |

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**Blackpool, Fylde & Wyre**

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| **Low Vision Service** | **N-Vision Low Vision Centre** – [link](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5CTom%5CDesktop%5CLEHN%5CLow%20Vision%20Group%5Cnvision-nw.co.uk%5Clow-vision-centre) Phone: 01253 362696Location: Bosworth Place, Squires Gate, Blackpool, FY4 1SH*Brian Casey (Low Vision Practitioner & Tech advice)**Stephanie Beasley (Low Vision Practitioner)*Referrals by phone.*Maria Kirkland – Community Services Manager*maria@nvision-nw.co.ukAlso at participating **Optical Practices** – *see list attached**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**or*linda.sethi@nhs.netN-Vision and Blackpool Victoria Hospital, FY3 8NR. |
| **Local Voluntary / Community** | N-Vision[nvision-nw.co.uk](file:///Users/Tom/Desktop/LEHN/Sight%20Loss%20%2B%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:** high quality specialist home support that encourages independence and wellbeingTel: 01253 362685/403091 |
| **Local Council** | **Blackpool Council - Sensory Impairment Team**Tracy Elliott Rehabilitation Officer Vision Impairmenttracy.elliott@blackpool.gov.uk Tel: 01253 477757Tracey Stott Sensory Needs Officertracey.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: 03001236720csc.acscustomerservices@lancashire.gov.uk |

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**Blackpool and Fylde Coast**

Primary Care Optical Practices offering Low Vision Services

**Blackpool**

**Woodhouse Opticians**
62-64 HIGHFIELD ROAD
BLACKPOOL
LANCASHIRE
FY4 2JF

01253 341955

**Wooding Opticians**

101A RED BANK ROAD
BISPHAM
BLACKPOOL
FY2 9HZ

01253 353423

**Lytham St Annes**

**Thompson & Hardwick**

27 PARK STREET
LYTHAM ST. ANNES
FY8 5LU

01253 794522

**See also practices in the Preston area which offer the same service**

**Thornton-Cleveleys**

**G R Hardwick (Optometrist)**

16 ROSSALL ROAD
THORNTON-CLEVELEYS
LANCASHIRE
FY5 1AP

01253 853030

**Specsavers Cleveleys**

83 VICTORIA ROAD WEST

CLEVELEYS

FY5 1AJ

01253 864130

**Garstang**

**Clare & Howard**

21 HIGH STREET
GARSTANG
PRESTON
LANCASHIRE
PR3 1FA

01995 602014

**Montgomery & Burrows**
56 HIGH STREET
GARSTANG
PRESTON
LANCASHIRE
PR3 1FA

01995 605354