

CASE STUDY

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4SIGHT – West Sussex Association for the Blind was established as a charity in 1921 to support blind and partially sighted people in West Sussex. They now have 2,000 members, and provide services to over 5,000 people with a wide range of practical support solutions to help them remain independent following sight loss.

The organisation, a company limited by guarantee, comprises of a small team of 16 full time equivalent staff (24 people) and over 500 trained volunteers operating primarily within the county of West Sussex. Operationally, the service is managed through several teams, with Contact Officers working geographically from four Resource Centres, dedicated support for hospital-based services, volunteering, information, finance, fundraising, shop and other specific projects.

4SIGHT provide free access to universal services including information, advice and Open days. Through 4SIGHT membership they also offer additional services including newsletters, counselling, specialist advice and information, Club activities, events and transport.



Main aims

To enable people to:

- Adjust to sight loss
- Make the best use of low vision
- Combat social isolation
- Access appropriate information and advice
- Participate actively in their communities and family life
- Access high quality personal social care and clinical services, with appropriate and timely choices
- Influence service design, provision, commissioning and planning

Their work in the Worthing and Chichester Eye Clinics has been groundbreaking with nurses providing 4SIGHT's listening and information services, Sight Care Advisors and Low Vision Clinics. Alongside this their service models have been adopted by the NHS in West Sussex as part of the overall strategy for Community Eye Services.

4SIGHT's work is largely self-funded, through donations, community events, and through their own commercial activities including equipment supply, charity shops, and the support of trusts, foundations and local authorities.



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