

**SENSORY SERVICE**  
**POST 16 TRANSITIONS INFORMATION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**  
**(DEAF/HEARING LOSS)**

**Education Authority Sensory Service:**

[EANI Sensory Service](#)

**Information Links on Types of Radio Aids Available from National Deaf Children's Society (NDCS) Website**

[NDCS Types of Radio Aids](#)

**Comfort Audio and Oticon Radio Aids:**

1. [NDCS Comfort Audio/Oticon and Radio Aids](#)
  - Note: Oticon Amigo receivers have slightly changed and there are integrated receivers available if hearing aids support these.
  - Note: Comfort Audio is a radio aid company owned by Phonak

**Phonak:**

2. [NDCS Phonak and Radio Aids](#)

**National Deaf Children's Society (NDCS) Supporting Students Remote Learning**

[NDCS Remote Learning in Higher Education for Deaf Students](#)

General guidance on supporting deaf students can be found here:

[NDCS Supporting the Achievement of Deaf Young People in Higher Education](#)

**NDCS Technology Information**

[NDCS Information and Support Products and Technology](#)

[NDCS Hearing Devices and Technology](#)

[NDCS Communication Apps](#)

## **Useful Contacts/Websites for Students Going into Further Education or Work:**

### [Student Finance NI Disabled Students Allowance](#)

This can provide support for college / University, i.e. notetaker, lipspeaker, radio aid system, BSL interpreters etc.

### **Access to Benefits:**

#### [Personal Independence Payment](#)

If you are over 16, apply for Personal Independence Payment

### **NDCS Information about PIP:**

#### [NDCS Information for Deaf Young People What is PIP](#)

When you get a letter confirming you are in receipt of the above – ALWAYS take a photo of it as you are going to need an electronic copy handy to email to various places. (See links below on useful concession discounts)

### **Access to Work Northern Ireland:**

A Government scheme that you can apply for support at work (i.e. notetaker, BSL interpreter, lipspeaker, listening equipment).

#### [NI Direct Access to Work](#) (NORTHERN IRELAND ONLY)

#### [Gov.UK Access to Work](#) (IF WORKING ON UK MAINLAND)

### **Health**

### **Access to BSL or ISL Communication Support for Medical Appointments:**

#### [HSC Remote Interpreting](#)

### **Useful Websites for Concessions Available to People with Hearing Loss:**

#### [Your Local Cinema Subtitled Films](#)

Sometimes the cinema does not show the subtitled films as advertised – make sure you go out and tell cinema staff.

#### [Stagetext](#)

Captioned screenings of theatre shows – you need to be quick to book tickets as they sell fast!

#### [Theatre Sign](#)

BSL interpretation of theatre shows

#### [CEA Card](#)

A cinema card that entitles someone to go with you for free (as a carer) so in essence it's a two for one pass. You need to have DLA/PIP to be eligible for this. It costs £6 a year, and you can apply online.

## Concessionary Travel for Northern Ireland

### [NI Direct Bus Passes](#)

### [Disabled Freedom Pass London \(if living or studying in London\)](#)

Free travel on buses, trains and tubes in London. You need to be severely/profoundly deaf to be eligible for this (provide an audiogram as evidence) or use your DLA as evidence. Most councils say you have to be 16 to get this (apply whenever your pass runs out)

[Disabled Rail Card GB](#) if studying in GB and wish to travel on trains apply for concessionary 1/3 off train fares

### [Disabled Bus Pass GB](#)

### [Carer Pass \(Festivals\) two for one](#)

If you have DLA, you generally are eligible to apply for free carer passes for festivals, i.e. Camp Bestival, Wireless, Glastonbury (Glastonbury has a specialised 'Deaf Zone' section – absolutely amazing for meeting other deaf people!), V Festival. You usually need to ring up the disabled hotline (use NGT Lite!) or you can order it online. You will need to show proof of DLA. NOTE: NO, you do not need to bring your Mum or Dad to be your carer; it can be your friend!

### [Emergency SMS Text 999](#)

SO useful when you're in a noisy situation and you need to get hold of the emergency services. REGISTER with them now, so you don't have to deal with that when you do need them!

### Useful Websites to Follow:

[Limping Chicken](#) - Deaf Awareness website written by professionals with a hearing loss in various professional fields.

[Limping Chicken Facebook](#) - Limping Chicken Facebook page

There is also a Northern Ireland Deaf Facebook page where there are subtitled listings for subtitled screenings across the country at a number of cinemas and events within the deaf community e.g. sport, drama, social gatherings and further information.

### Employment and Student Support:

[Action on Hearing Loss Help with Finding a Job](#)

[Cedar Foundation](#)

### Deaf Organisations:

[Action on Hearing Loss](#)

[Action Deaf Youth](#)

[NI Deaf Sports](#)

[British Deaf Association NI](#)

[Hands That Talk North West NI](#)

[Hearing Link NI](#)