

What is a Sensory Impairment?

Vision Impairment (VI)

This term covers varying degrees of vision loss, including those that are registered severely sight impaired (blind) or partially sighted.

Hearing Impaired (HI)

There are two main types of hearing loss:

Conductive hearing loss, which is the most common type and this hearing loss usually affects the volume of sound reaching the inner ear and is normally a temporary loss.

Sensorineural hearing loss, which is caused by damage to the hair cells lining the inner ear or the nerves that supply them, resulting in a loss ranging from mild to profound and affects certain frequencies more than others. Consequently people with sensorineural hearing loss need high quality hearing aids or Cochlear implants to gain access to the spoken word and surrounding environmental sound.