

# Further support for patients and families

Here are a list of UK charities and communities who provide support for adults and children living with hearing and balance difficulties.

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## Adults aged 18 and over

Here are a list of communities who provide dedicated support for adults and older people.

### AbilityNet

AbilityNet exists to change the lives of disabled people by helping them to use digital technology at work, at home or in education.

Web [abilitynet.org.uk/](http://abilitynet.org.uk/)

### Access London Theatre

The Access London Theatre brochure features audio-described, captioned, signed and relaxed performance listings for theatres across London and is available in print, Braille and CD.

Web [officiallondontheatre.com/access/](http://officiallondontheatre.com/access/)

### Action on Hearing Loss (formerly RNID)

The largest charity in the UK campaigning, lobbying and raising awareness of deafness and hearing loss.

Web [actiononhearingloss.org.uk/](http://actiononhearingloss.org.uk/)

### Alzheimer's Society

Guidance on hearing loss in individuals with dementia.

Web [alzheimers.org.uk/](http://alzheimers.org.uk/)

## **British Acoustic Neuroma Association (BANA)**

BANA is a charity for people affected by an acoustic neuroma and is there to provide support, information and encourage research.

**Web** [bana-uk.com/](http://bana-uk.com/)

## **British Tinnitus Association**

An independent charity supporting people who experience tinnitus. They aim to encourage prevention through educational programme, campaign for effective treatment through research programmes.

**Web** [tinnitus.org.uk/](http://tinnitus.org.uk/)

## **DeafBlind UK**

DeafblindUK supports people with combined sight and hearing loss to live the lives they want.

**Web** [deafblind.org.uk/](http://deafblind.org.uk/)

## **Deaf and Equal**

Advice on legal compliance to make sure services and information are accessible to deaf people.

**Web** [deafandequal.com/](http://deafandequal.com/)

## **Ear Foundation**

Advice for adults and children about using hearing devices in daily life, such as hearing aids, cochlear implants & bone conducting hearing implants.

**Web** [earfoundation.org.uk/](http://earfoundation.org.uk/)

## **HearingLink**

Give personalised and practical support to people with hearing loss, particularly those who are recently deafened or have severe to profound loss.

**Web** [hearinglink.org/](http://hearinglink.org/)

## **Hearing Aids for Music**

A project by numerous groups to explore how hearing impairments and the use of hearing aid technology affect people's music experiences.

**Web** [musicandhearingaids.org/](http://musicandhearingaids.org/)

## **Hearing Dogs for Deaf People**

This charity trains hearing dogs to alert deaf people to certain sounds and danger signals in the home, work place and in public buildings – providing a life-changing independence and security.

**Web** [hearingdogs.org.uk/](http://hearingdogs.org.uk/)

## **Jewish Deaf Association (JDA)**

An independent, national charity offering professional support services, information and a range of social, cultural and educational programmes to people with all levels of hearing loss.

**Web** [jdeaf.org.uk/](http://jdeaf.org.uk/)

## **Ménière's Society**

The UK's leading charity for people with vestibular (inner ear) disorders causing dizziness and imbalance. Offer support, research and awareness

**Web** [menieres.org.uk/](http://menieres.org.uk/)

## **National Association of Deafened People (NADP)**

Support for deafened people who have lost all or most of their useful hearing, and for their families and friends, to help enable them to regain their independence and enjoy the best quality of life.

**Web** [nadp.org.uk/](http://nadp.org.uk/)

## **Royal Association for Deaf People (RAD)**

RAD strives to meet the individual needs of Deaf children and adults and deafblind people through the provision of services and the use of RAD Centres for Deaf People.

**Web** [royaldeaf.org.uk/](http://royaldeaf.org.uk/)

## **Sense**

A national charity supporting and campaigning for adults and children who are deafblind. Services include one-to-one support to help people live independently, communicator guides, housing, holidays and employment opportunities.

**Web** [sense.org.uk/](http://sense.org.uk/)

## **Stagetext**

Stagetext makes theatre and culture accessible to deaf, deafened and hard of hearing people.

**Web** [stagetext.org/](http://stagetext.org/)

## **Your Local Cinema Subtitles**

Full listing of subtitled films showing across the UK.

**Web** [yourlocalcinema.com/](http://yourlocalcinema.com/)

## **Children and Young People aged 0-18 (Paediatrics)**

Here are a list of communities who provide dedicated support for children and young people.

### **Deaf and Music**

This charity provides dedicated access to education and opportunities in music for deaf children, young people and adults.

**Web** [matd.org.uk/](http://matd.org.uk/)

### **Ear Foundation SoundSpace Online**

The “go to” place for online information, resources and learning about hearing loss.

**Web** [soundspaceonline.com/](http://soundspaceonline.com/)

### **National Cochlear Implant Users Association (NCIUA)**

A website for the national association for cochlear implant users. Website provides information on all stages of the cochlear implant pathway. From beginning to on-going care.

**Web** [nciua.org.uk/](http://nciua.org.uk/)

### **National Deaf Children’s Society**

Supporting deaf children their parents, and professionals.

**Web** [ndcs.org.uk/](http://ndcs.org.uk/)

## Audiology

Here are links to organisations and team if you're interested in learning more about the study of hearing and balance, known as Audiology.

### Alliance on Hearing Loss

A community of charities and professional groups working together to prevent and reduce the impact of hearing loss and tinnitus.

Web [hearinglossanddeafnessalliance.com/](http://hearinglossanddeafnessalliance.com/)

### British Academy of Audiology (BAA)

The largest association of professionals in hearing and balance in the UK. Membership extends internationally and provides services in both the public and private sector.

Web [baaudiotherapy.org/](http://baaudiotherapy.org/)

### British Society of Audiology (BSA)

Aim to increase knowledge of hearing and balance and to enhance audiological practice by dissemination and education.

Web [thebsa.org.uk/](http://thebsa.org.uk/)

### NHS England

The latest press release and reports by NHS England related to hearing loss services, including the 2017 report on Hearing Loss and Aging.

Web [england.nhs.uk/category/hearing-loss/](http://england.nhs.uk/category/hearing-loss/)

### National Institute for Health Research (NIHR)

The NIHR Nottingham Hearing Biomedical Research Unit are aiming to use new research and innovative technology to improve the quality of life for those living with hearing loss.

Web [nottinghambrc.nihr.ac.uk/research/hearing/](http://nottinghambrc.nihr.ac.uk/research/hearing/)

### UK Council on Deafness (UKCoD)

The umbrella body for voluntary organisations working with deaf people in the UK.

Web [deafcouncil.org.uk/](http://deafcouncil.org.uk/)

# Contact us

If you have any more questions about your hearing, you can contact our team.

## How to contact us

If you need to contact us or require further information...

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