

BlindAid

Audio/Radio Equipment Guidance Notes

BlindAid provides radios and audio equipment on long term loan basis to blind and partially sighted people who meet the eligibility criteria. These sets are specially designed with large, high contrast buttons so that they are relatively easy for blind and partially sighted people to use.

BlindAid act as agents for and on behalf of British Wireless for the Blind Fund who provides the radio and audio equipment.

Both BlindAid and BWFB expect that the equipment provided is treated with respect and looked after for the duration of the loan. .

The principal aim for loaning the equipment is to improve the person's quality of life.

Eligibility

Applications may be made for anyone who meets the following criteria:

- Over the age of 8 years
- Registered blind or partially sighted
- Lives in one of the inner London boroughs
- Must permanently reside in the UK
- Is unable to use commercially available sets as a result of sight problems and cannot afford to buy a new set themselves
- Is in receipt of a means tested benefit

Referrals

All referrals for radios and audio equipment must be made by an employee of the relevant local authority social service/sensory needs teams.

There is a range of different radio and audio sets available and we aim to provide each person with a set that most closely meets their needs and personal requirements.

We are unable to loan more than one set per person at any one time.

Delivery

Equipment is delivered either by a member of staff or a volunteer who will set up and demonstrate the equipment. They will also be able to provide general guidance and answer any questions.

Repairs & Return

In the unlikely event of a fault, or if you wish to return your loaned equipment, please contact Stephanie Baines at BlindAid on 0207 403 6184 or e-mail equipment@blindaid.org.co.uk