

## **Multi Sensory Impairment**

### **Professional Guidance**

Physical and Sensory Support (PSS) accepts referrals for children and students aged 0 – 25 years. Beyond 25 years referrals may be made for education courses in an educational setting.

The acceptance of a referral to the PSS Multi Sensory Impairment team is based on the following criteria:

- Children / students have an impairment of both their vision and hearing.
- This dual impairment may still be under assessment whilst awaiting a diagnosis but the resultant impact on the way the child or student regards the world, and accesses learning, is significant.
- When DSA (disabled student’s allowance) or college disability teams have agreed support needs.

The level of support required is identified on an individual basis by using Eligibility Criteria prior to post 16 transition, when support levels are agreed individually.

The Eligibility Criteria are recognised nationally and apply to children and students in a variety of educational settings.

#### **Reasons for ceasing involvement**

- The child or student is discharged from the ophthalmology or audiology clinic.
- Involvement of the Advisory Teacher for Multi Sensory Impairment (ATMSI) ceases to be necessary or appropriate, such as when the child or student has been discharged by the PSS hearing or vision team.
- It has been agreed between school or educational placement / parents / student that ongoing intervention is no longer required.
- The child or student leaves school, college or university.

Re-referral should it become appropriate can take place at any time.