



Qualified Habilitation Specialist (QHS)

The Visual Impairment Team has two Qualified Habilitation Specialists (QHS) who work across Hampshire with children and young people with vision impairment up to the age of 18.

A referral is made to a QHS, in agreement with the parent or carer, if the child or young person needs specific 1:1 support with mobility or independence. The initial assessment will take place in either the home or school setting.

Following an initial assessment, the QHS will deliver a program of work based on the range of skills required.

This could include training regarding:

- support with daily living skills such as dressing or eating or paying for items in a shop
- support with finding their way round a new environment such as a school or college
- learning routes in the area near pupil's homes and nearby town centre
- guidance on crossing roads safely
- independent travel such as using a bus or train to get to a work experience placement college
- training in the use of mobility aids such as a symbol cane or long cane
- training in the use of specialist equipment and smart phone apps

QHS also offer sighted guide training for people working with young people and their families.



For further information please see link:

<https://www.rnib.org.uk/insight-online/how-habilitation-specialists-can-help>