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**Optalis** is the name of the Local Authority Trading Company that provides many of Wokingham Borough Council’s care services including those for people who have a visual impairment.

**The Visual Impairment Team** provides a service to adults who have a visual impairment who live in the Wokingham area including children in transition.

Our aim is to help people with a visual impairment to live as fully and independently as possible, whatever their needs or additional disabilities.

We have a Rehabilitation Worker for the Visually Impaired who can provide a specialist assessment which may include advice, guidance, equipment and training.

Examples of training we can carry out include meal preparation, cooking, drink making, accessing written material and indoor/outdoor mobility.

We aim to provide the right help for each person. Individual needs and problems vary considerably. We have access to a wide range of resources including specialist equipment which we can provide and teach you to use as well as offer information and specialist advice.

We may also refer onto other local services for further advice and information including domiciliary care, occupational therapy and social work. We may also contact other voluntary agencies on your behalf.

**Registration** may be completed once you have seen a consultant ophthalmologist who will determine if you are eligible. If so they will complete a Certificate of Visual Impairment (CVI) for you and forward a copy to our team for completion.

Our team holds the register for people who live in Wokingham who are registered as sight impaired or severely sight impaired. This helps us provide you with the most appropriate services. We will also advise you of any benefits you may be entitled as a result of becoming registered.