

## **RSBC Services**

Your Quick Guide to RSBC

### **Live Life Go Further**

#### **8 – 25-years**

Menu of online sessions running weekly as per government guidelines which has affected our face-to-face services. These sessions include our Health and Wellbeing Workouts and Social and Independence Clubs which are made up of Supper Clubs, Sisterhood sessions (for young women and girls) Creative Groups, Audiobook Club, Sensory Story Time, Assistive Technology sessions (for both Parents and Young People) and our Employment Programme.

These sessions are suitable for young people who want to meet other young people, increasing their confidence in social situations and learning the skills and tools to promote their independence and life skills.

### **Families First**

#### **0-25 years**

RSBC offers interventions providing emotional and practical support in response to family need. Working with the whole family, their aims are to build emotional resilience, improve coping and support positive parenting. As a result, the family develops the skills and confidence to optimise the life chances of their vision impaired child.

RSBC Family Practitioners work holistically with families to support the needs of each individual and develop the resilience of the family system. They bring a non-directive, therapeutic approach to their interventions, focusing on the emotional and psychological needs of the family. They work closely with the professional networks around the family and provide information and support to help families to build their own professional and social support networks.

Whilst Family Practitioners normally meet families face to face or via phone/internet, please note that all RSBC services are being delivered virtually until further notice.

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## **RSBC Advice Service**

### **0 – 25 years**

We understand that it's not always easy to access the extra help that is available to vision impaired children and young people.

RSBS Advice Service is entirely free and is designed to provide parents of vision impaired children or vision impaired young adults over 16 with clear information and advice in areas such as:

- Welfare Benefits
- Disability Rights
- Visual Impairment
- Health & Social Care
- Transport & Travel including Freedom Pass, Blue Badge and Motability applications
- Grants
- Accessing other RSBC services

We can also offer confidential, practical support for:

- Form filling
- Written and online applications
- Mandatory reconsideration and appeals

If you are struggling to understand your rights or access the benefits and grants to which you may be entitled, RSBC Advice Service is on hand to help. All initial assessments are done by telephone appointment only and our Telephone Support Advisor can offer help and advice via phone.

Please note RSBC Advice Service does not provide Housing Advice. If you need Housing Advice please contact [www.shelter.org.uk](http://www.shelter.org.uk) or your local Housing Advice Centre.

## **Dorton College**

### **16 – 25 years**

We promote best-in-class, inclusive education and learning at all levels at our further education facility, Dorton College, where students follow an individual programme of academic learning and skills development. Working in partnership with South East London Colleges to provide further education and provide young vision impaired with bespoke, wrap around support from our VI Provision base in Bromley, including support from a QTVI and help with specialist technology.

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