



Seashell



Deafblind (MSI) Specialist Advice, Support & Training

Seashell is a UK-leading specialist in supporting children and young adults (0-25) with complex learning difficulties, disabilities and additional communication needs.

We have harnessed this unique expertise to create a range of specialist training, to help professionals who work directly with Deafblind/MSI children and young people. These courses will provide you with the practical strategies required to effectively support this unique population of learners.

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outreach@seashelltrust.org.uk

Contact our team to find out more about bespoke MSI support and training.



What we offer

Training can be delivered through both virtual and in person sessions.



Deafblind Guidance Assessment

Assessment of needs by a suitably qualified person and provision of a comprehensive report including recommendations in line with Department of Health 'Care and Support for Deafblind Children and Adults Policy Guidance' (2014).

MSI Advisory Support

We can provide QTMSI and/or specialist Intervenor support for children and young people within an educational setting who do not have specialist staff employed locally to meet need. QTMSI can provide a functional sensory assessment and consultancy/training for their staff team as required. Direct intervention can also be commissioned if required.

Personalised Learning Programmes (PLPs)

We can provide a personalised learning programme in the home for those children and young people with MSI who are not currently in an education setting. We will work with the family and other professionals to support them to achieve their EHCP outcomes.

QTMSI Mentoring

Our MSI teaching team within the Seashell Sensory Support Service can offer newly qualified MSI teachers or MSI teachers in training remote mentoring sessions.

Positive Looking Training

We offer full day and half day courses for practitioners who work with children and young adults with visual impairment, we aim to improve participants VI knowledge and skills. To support with your skills to observe, assess responses and plan for targeted intervention to develop visual skills with advice/guidance from QTVI. Topics include educational implications for learners with vision impairment, visual skill development, appropriate learning environments and how to implement development of visual skills into the curriculum.

MSI Specialist Training Packages

Designed for professionals across education, health and social care, we offer specialist training in tactile communication, on body signing, USHER awareness, CHARGE awareness, Habilitation (including sight guide) and Independent Living Skills. These courses will provide you with the practical strategies required to effectively support this unique population of learners.

MSI Intervenors - This 5 day course meets the requirements of the NATSIP Intervenor standards and it quality endorsed by the Open College Network (OCN). Attendees will be issued with a certificate of attendance on completion and will be regarded as a 'Trained MSI Intervenor'. Course content includes: the impact of deafblindness, visual and hearing impairment, sensory processing difficulties, tactile development and exploration, communication strategies (including tactile signing), mobility and independent living skills, functional MSI curriculum and environments, the role of the Intervenor.

Deafblind/MSI Awareness - This introductory training session will cover communication, access to information and mobility for Deafblind/MSI learners. This can be delivered as a twilight session or a half/full day training depending on your requirements.

Tactile Communication - This course will go through strategies on tactile communication when working with students with multi-sensory impairment and additional needs. It will look at how we can further understand the expressive communication attempts our students make but are not always seen and discuss ways of increasing positive interactions for students with MSI. Participants will have the opportunity to participate in practical activities and discussions around deafblind communication.

Habilitation (including sighted guide) and Independent Living Skills - Bespoke training courses delivered on request by our Habilitation Officer.

Other bespoke training is available on request. Contact outreach@seashelltrust.org.uk to discuss your requirements.

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Our team of experts

You're in safe hands with our team of experts, who use their range of disciplines to champion MSI best practice.

Seashell Deafblind (MSI) specialist support and training packages are delivered by Seashell professionals including Qualified MSI Teachers, Speech and Language Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Audiologists, and Habilitation Specialists.

“The MSI Intervenors course was incredible. For someone who hasn't worked with MSI before, I am coming away with a wealth of knowledge. Thanks to all who taught us.

Michelle Jones, Head of Seashell Sensory Support is a senior Deafblind (MSI) advisory teacher with over 20 years experience of delivering MSI support within a range of settings, including local authority and independent organisations.



Get in touch

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