

# We See Ability

## Impact Report 2020



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# CEO Statement



At SeeAbility we support people with disabilities. We work with them and their families to make their lives better.



You can read about how we've done that in this report.



Scott Watkin works at SeeAbility with Gabby, Greg and Emily. They all have learning disabilities and their job is to tell people about how to make things easier for them.



Our team of Eye Care Champions started work this year. Their job is to help adults with learning disabilities and autism understand how to look after their eyes.



This year we helped three people with learning disabilities, autism, and sight loss move in to new homes in Oxfordshire and Kent.



Seeing the people they love supported by SeeAbility makes their families feel happy.

# How we make a difference



SeeAbility helps everyone try new things and become more confident.



We want people to lead independent lives.



We help people make their own decisions about what they want to do.



This year lots of people we support told us they are happier because they are doing more things they enjoy.



They are happier because they are becoming more independent.



SeeAbility wants more people with disabilities to have a much bigger voice so that everyone hears their stories.

# Living life in a safe and happy way



My name is Gabby and SeeAbility has supported me for five years.



Today I feel a lot more independent and confident than before.



SeeAbility understands me and my health needs.



They have helped me learn new skills.



My support team feels like a family.



They are trained to give me the right support.



I understand how to use my eyesight now.



And I have the confidence to do my job.



I even have a Twitter @GabbyGibbons5

# The difference SeeAbility makes



The people who check SeeAbility are supporting people properly are called the Care Quality Commission.



They say that most of our services are good.



Most of the people SeeAbility supports and their families also say the support is good.



Most of the people who work for SeeAbility have supported someone to learn something new.



Many of them have also been trained to support people with a learning disability who behave in a way that is challenging.



Last year support workers were able to see an improvement in 5 people who have multiple learning disabilities and need a lot of support from SeeAbility.

# We want everyone to be as healthy as possible



My name is Emily and I work at SeeAbility, helping to change things for people with disabilities.



I understand how important it is that people with disabilities are aware of their rights.



I have sight loss and getting the right information can sometimes be difficult.



It's important to understand how to take care of your health and I talk about this a lot.



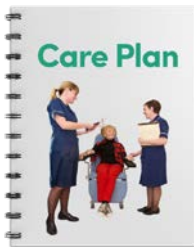
I am very proud to be part of the team helping people with learning disabilities understand how to take care of their eye sight.



# The difference SeeAbility makes



Last year our 7 eye care champions reached 3,500 people with information about how to take good care of their eyes.



Last year most of the people supported by SeeAbility said they had a health care plan.



SeeAbility tested the eye sight of 819 children in special schools last year.



SeeAbility supports 20 families who have a young family member affected by a disease called Juvenile CLN3 (Batten) disease.

# We want as many people as possible to live the way they choose



Hi I'm Greg and I really love sports!



I have a disability and I have a wheelchair.



Sometimes this makes it difficult to watch the sports I really enjoy because the wheelchair can't go there.



I was very excited when I started working for SeeAbility because I want to make things better for other people like me.



I work with Emily and Gabby and we are learning how to get people to listen to us.



I want the people who work in government to listen to people with disabilities.



I know it will take time but I will not give up trying.



I visit the college where I studied and I encourage the students to live the lives they want.



SeeAbility supports me to do the things I love. Volunteers also encourage me to try new things. I am hoping to write for a magazine. You can follow me on twitter @fanaticsports31

# The difference SeeAbility makes



Most of the people SeeAbility supports say they are being supported to learn new skills.



More people are being supported to get out into their local communities than before.



Four people supported by SeeAbility help deliver training to new staff.



Almost everyone made new friends last year.

# We work as a team



Everyone who works at SeeAbility and all our volunteers have the same dream.



We all want people with learning disabilities to be part of their local communities.



All our volunteers receive training to support people to be as independent as possible and to do the things they enjoy.



We want everyone to feel happy and enthusiastic about their work.



Everyone is encouraged to speak about their ideas.



That makes people feel proud to work here because they feel listened to.

# What will happen next



This report was published during the **COVID-19 pandemic**.



Because of the virus many more people are aware of how important social care is.



They also know more about how dedicated support staff are.



So we hope the politicians will now give social care more money.



SeeAbility will continue to encourage people with disabilities to have a voice.



So that more people who can make change happen will want to work with us.



SeeAbility also wants to support people with learning disabilities, autism and sight loss to get a paid job if that's what they want.



Our employment programme will be called 'Ready, Willing and Able'.



We are also going to recruit more eye care champions to help people with learning disabilities and autism make the most of the vision they have.

# Thanking and remembering people



During the **coronavirus pandemic** everyone at SeeAbility worked very hard to keep people safe.



Sadly some people we support and some colleagues lost their lives.



We are thankful to all our key workers and will always remember those who died.

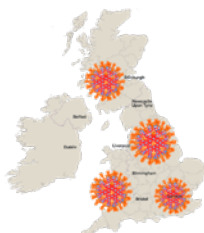


This report is dedicated to them.



## What the words mean

**Coronavirus (COVID-19)** is a new virus. A **virus** is a type of illness.



A **pandemic** is something that has spread across a large area.