

Multi-sensory impairment (MSI)

Multi-sensory impairment (MSI) is a term the Department for Education uses for those who are deafblind.

It can be something a child is born with (congenital) or it can develop later in life.

It is also sometimes called 'dual sensory loss' or 'deafblindness'. An impairment of both distance senses can hugely impact on a child or young person's development.

Being deafblind does not always mean someone is totally deaf and blind. They may have varying levels of hearing and visual impairments which can impact them in different ways.

MSI affects someone's communication, mobility and their ability to access information.

For more information:

DeafblindUK

www.deafblind.org.uk



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