

Deafblind Scotland vision – “A society in which deafblind people have the permanent support and recognition necessary to be equal citizens”



Deafblind Scotland Policy on Receiving Gifts

What do we mean by gifts?

Gifts can be money, presents, legacies, patronage, hospitality or any benefit in kind given by the service-user to any member of staff.

Policy Statement

Deafblind Scotland is committed to ensuring that individuals enjoy a professional relationship with the service provider. The giving and receiving of gifts could compromise this relationship.

Guide/communicators should avoid accepting gifts or receiving or accepting hospitality.

Gifts should never be solicited and gifts of cash should never be accepted. If gifts are offered it should be made clear that they will be donated for to the charity for fundraising purposes.

Members of staff and guide/communicators are not allowed to be beneficiaries of service users' wills.

Discretion must be exercised when receiving or giving hospitality. Lavish or repeated receiving or giving hospitality should not occur.