DO YOU SEE BLIND AND PARTIALLY SIGHTED PERSONS?

The right to accessible Health care

THIS IS A MESSAGE FOR ALL POLITICIANS, DECISION MAKERS IN HEALTH CARE AND JOURNALISTS:

What have YOU done to make health care accessible for blind and partially sighted persons?

We need you to make sure this right is upheld!

The human right to accessible health care for blind and partially sighted people is covered in sustainable development goal 3 and article 25 in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

This right is important, especially in times of extraordinary health situations such as pandemics.

It covers the rights for blind and partially sighted people to: Have access to the same free or affordable health care services as others.

Get the health care services they need because of their disability. Have services near to where they live, even in rural areas.

Have the same level of access to communication and information in preferred formats, like braille, large-print and electronic, accessible for screen readers.

Receive the same advice as others from health professionals. Not be discriminated in health and life insurance.

Not be refused care or treatment because they are blind or partially sighted.

Have the right for preservation of residual sight when possible.

Provision of screening services to prevent further sight loss.

Unfortunately, access to health care and services for blind and partially sighted people is far from the level of access of others.

HOW TO MAKE THIS CHANGE?

Raise awareness of the needs of blind and partially sighted people for accessible healthcare: such as by sharing this video.

Ask politicians and health care decision makers about their plans to make health care accessible for blind and partially sighted people.

Work with representatives of the local or national blind and partially sighted organisations.

For more information, contact EBU, the European Blind Union, at euroblind.org.

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