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The consortium, made up of Royal National Institute for the Blind, the British Red Cross and RNID, the national charity for the deaf and hard of hearing, can now exchange sensory and physical impairment equipment on its Community Equipment.com website under the classified ads section.

The site is expected to save the consortium hundreds of pounds and will reduce wasted stock.

The website used to be run by the Department of Health and was transferred to the consortium in 2005.

More than 140 store managers and over 100 occupational therapists are expected to use the new site.

The implementation of a content management system, installed by IT solutions provider Sigmoid Technologies, also provides work flow functionality and facilities to allow vendors to manipulate and upload items for sale.

Natasha Knox, RNID business development manager, said on 20 September 2006: "The new community equipment website is easy for us to manage and keep updated, and for store managers and suppliers to use. We are very pleased with it."

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