Noises are often caused by ... / = and what you can do

Pads
Leather is hard, or deep groove mark = new padding by the specialist
- a plopping noise is normal when the key is sealed
- hard pads are precise but louder
- soft pads are spongy, not precise but soft in sound
Leaking test: suction test, with tissue paper or lamp from inside.

Metal
Column hole is too large = grease
mixture of bicycle-bearing grease and sewing-machine oil, consistency 'Nivea' (the specialist makes the metal more narrow)

Tube is too wide = grease
(the specialist makes the metal more narrow)

Tube is too short, clearance on the columns = grease
(the specialist makes the metal longer)
(tubes which are too long get jammed in summer!)

Spring makes slight clicking noise = grease

Crooked tubes and axis get jammed. When you can clearly see where it is crooked, you can try and bend it back again. If that does not help, ask a specialist.
Driver for double-keys

If the two keys do not work together, then the cork has become too thin or there is something slightly warped
= bend carefully (make sure the axis does not become crooked) or attach a piece of cork with contact adhesive.

Key ’sticks’ at the limit
= this is remedied by playing, or apply some graphite to the contact position with a soft pencil.

Column is loose = get the specialist to stick it back in

Tools
Watchmaker’s screwdriver in order to unscrew the axis (or to press it out)
    - loosen the spring before removing the axis
Tissue paper for sealing test
Ball-bearing grease and sewing-machine oil
    - the louder a noise, the thicker the emulsion needs to be