

Referrals

We support Deaf people of all ages and genders, including people from Black, Asian and Ethnic Minority groups, and the LGBTQIA+ community.

To refer someone to our service, please use the contact details on the back of this leaflet.

Advice for clients

We have BSL videos available for those who want to know more about domestic abuse.

To watch, go to signhealth.org.uk/domesticabuse or use the QR code below:



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Contact and referrals

To make a referral or an enquiry, please contact us:

Email : da@signhealth.org.uk

Deaf people can contact us directly for advice or support below:

Monday-Friday 9.30am-4.30pm

SMS : 07800 003421

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**Deaf people
experience
domestic abuse.
This is wrong.
You are not alone
and you can ask
for support.**

A specialist Domestic Abuse Service for Deaf adults, young people, children and families.



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SignHealth's Domestic Abuse Service is a service run by Deaf professionals for Deaf adults and young Deaf people who have experienced domestic abuse and sexual abuse.

We communicate in British Sign Language (BSL). Communicating in sign language means we are able to offer Deaf people the support and advice they need using a language and culture that is accessible.

Deaf people are often isolated from hearing people as most people do not know sign language.

Half of Deaf women experience domestic abuse



Information and advice is mostly provided in written English, making it harder for Deaf people to recognise domestic abuse and to ask for support.

What support does SignHealth offer?

We give Deaf people the tools to rebuild their lives and regain their confidence. Support can be from one to one advice from our qualified Deaf IDVAs (Independent Domestic Violence Advisors) and Deaf YPVAs (Young People Violence Advisors)

A Deaf IDVA will create a safety plan with the survivor and help navigate the barriers Deaf people face with statutory services such as police, housing and social services.

We offer Freedom Programme workshops for Deaf survivors who want to know more about domestic abuse and we can also support with referrals to SignHealth's Psychological Therapy Service.

We also work with Deaf children and young people. We deliver prevention workshops in schools, colleges and youth clubs, and one-to-one support is available for Deaf young people. We also provide support for Deaf families who have fled domestic abuse.

We support Deaf people to make informed choices about relationships and how to stay safe.

