

Factsheet

Specialist Mental Health Services for deaf people who use sign language

The following services are available to Deaf people with mental health problems. Access to services is through GP/social worker referral or through mainstream mental health services. These services are provided by hearing staff with a high level of BSL, and deaf staff with BSL. They aim to provide a culturally appropriate and signing environment.

National Deaf Services, Adult Service

Old Church, 146a Bedford Hill, London SW12 9HW

Voice 020 8675 2100
Textphone 020 8675 2200
Fax 020 8675 2266
Videophone 020 8765 9707

Provides a comprehensive mental health service to adults. Includes in-patient, day-patient, out-patient and community-based services. The services offer to deaf people assessment and management of psychiatric, behavioural, communication and social problems, this includes inpatient, day patient and outpatient facilities and an established community home network.

National Deaf Mental Health Services

Denmark House, Queen Elizabeth Psychiatric Hospital, Mindelsohn Way, off Vincent Drive, Edgbaston, Birmingham, B15 2QZ

Voice 0121 678 2181
Textphone 0121 678 2185
Fax 0121 678 2179

Provides a comprehensive mental health service for deaf adults. Includes in-patient, day-patient, out-patient and community-based services.

National Centre for Mental Health and Deafness: John Denmark Unit

Bolton, Salford and Trafford NHS Trust, Bury New Road, Prestwich M25 3BL

Voice 0161 772 3400
Textphone 0161 772 3407
Fax 0161 798 5853

Provides a comprehensive mental health service to deaf people, throughout the UK. In-patient, day-patient, out-patient and community based services.

Deaf Child and Family Service

Hightrees, Springfield University Hospital, 61 Glenburnie Road, London SW17 7DJ

Voice 020 8682 6925
Textphone 020 8682 6950
Fax 020 8682 6461

The service offers diagnostic assessment, out-patient child and family therapy and in-patient facilities (Corner House).

Alpha Hospitals Ltd

Bolton Road, off Buller Street, Bury, Lancashire, BL8 2BS

Contact Lisa Mullineaux
Voice 0161 762 7200 (Switchboard)
Textphone 0161 762 7235
Fax 0161 762 4747
Email info@alphahospitals.co.uk
Web www.alphahospitals.co.uk

This is a Medium Secure Unit for Deaf People (Men's Unit and Women's Unit), Personality Disorder (Hearing) Men's Unit, including Safe Spaces, Sheffield, Open Unit for Women with Personality Disorders (Hearing).

Forensic Deaf Services

Rampton High Security Hospital, Retford DN22 0PD

Switchboard 01777 248321
Web www.nottinghamshirehealthcare.nhs.uk

Rampton Hospital looks after patients who because of their mental health problems are a danger to other people and also sometimes to themselves.

There is a 10-bed forensic unit for deaf patients detained under the Mental Health Act who are assessed as requiring high security placements. Access is through prisons, medium secure hospitals or courts.

York Deaf Child and Family Service

Limetrees, 31 Shipton Road, York YO30 5RE

Tel 01904 726 926
Fax 01904 632 893
Mobile 07800 867 911
Minicom 01904 724 242

This is a pilot project funded by the National Specialist Commissioning Advisory Group. York DCFS provides an outpatient and consultation service to the Yorkshire Residential School for Deaf Children, Doncaster and St. John's School, Boston Spa. In addition it provides outpatient and consultation services to deaf children in the York and Selby PCT area. It is supported by video-conferencing by the London DCFS.

Dudley Deaf Child and Family Service

The Elms Health Centre, Slade Road, Halesowen, West Midlands B63 2UR

Contact Dr Rob Walker
Tel 01384 366 957
Fax 01384 866 980

This service is funded by the National Specialist Commissioning Advisory Group until April 2007.

Dudley DCFS is part of the telemental health pilot project. It provides consultation and outpatient services to children and young people attending the Royal School for Deaf Children Derby, Braidwood and Longwill Schools in Birmingham. It also provides outpatient and consultation services to Dudley and Wolverhampton PCT areas.