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How to book interpreters

- Be aware of the Service User's preferred language – this could be BSL, SSE, Lip-reading, written word, or even a foreign signed or spoken language.
- Your place of work should have a preferred provider for all language interpreters – follow company procedure as you would for other interpreting requirements.
- You will need to give the interpreter (or agency) information about the Deaf person and about your planned intervention.
- Allow extra time, above and beyond your usual appointment time. Consider making time to brief and de-brief with your interpreter.

Further reading / useful information:

- Shinton, E. and Mairs, H. (2009) Working in Mental Health and Deafness. *British Journal of Occupational Therapy*. 72(4)180-182.
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- Parry, D. (1971) Occupational Therapists and – The Deaf. *British Journal of Occupational Therapy*. 34(9)11-13.
- Hibberd, J. M. (1998) Deafness and the Multidisciplinary Team Meeting: A Case of Management by Serendipity. *British Journal of Occupational Therapy*. 61(7)323-324.
- www.signhealth.org.uk - for accessible information on Mental Health and Deafness.

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