

SmartSafeSigning:

Deaf Inclusion in Domestic Violence and Abuse Support & the Criminal Justice System

A team of researchers at the **University of Wolverhampton** and **Lancaster University** have partnered with **Women's Aid**, **SignHealth**, and **West Midlands Police** to explore how D/deaf British Sign Language (BSL) signers who are survivors of domestic violence and abuse experience accessing the criminal justice system and support services. Additionally, we would like to explore the nature, role and impact of **technology** use (e.g. BSL999, SignLive/Convo, Video-interpreter technology etc.) as a tool to facilitate access to such services.

We are looking for volunteers from the groups below to take part in at least one interview with a member of our friendly research team 😊

All data collected will be kept confidential and will be anonymised upon dissemination

- D/deaf BSL signers who are survivors of domestic abuse
- Deaf-specific services and specialists, interpreters etc.

If you would be interested in taking part, or would like more information, please scan the QR code or email K.Stonard@wlv.ac.uk. If preferred, you can email a BSL video. Please feel free to share this leaflet.



We are also conducting interviews with:

- Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVAs)
- Police officers (incl. Police Link Officers for Deaf people, Domestic Abuse specialists)

Scan below for BSL

