

Press Release

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SignVideo names SignHealth as their Charity of the Year

SignVideo are a leading UK provider of British Sign Language (BSL) interpreting services via Video Relay Services (VRS) and Video Remote Interpreting (VRI). SignVideo provides fully qualified BSL Interpreters on demand, via tablets, smartphones, computers and laptops.

“We are over the moon that SignVideo have chosen SignHealth as their charity of the year. We are very excited to partner with another organisation that shares a common vision for ‘communication equality’ through access in BSL. 2020 has been a tough year with Coronavirus so we are really looking forward to a positive, fresh start with an exciting new partnership that will enable our services to grow and expand all over the UK to benefit the Deaf community.” - **Rebecca Mansell, Director of Fundraising and Communication**

This exciting relationship between a Deaf company and a Deaf charity is really inspiring, and the support from SignVideo will allow SignHealth to achieve its ambitious 3-year plan to expand their services to improve Deaf people’s health and wellbeing.

SignVideo’s BSL video interpretation solution removes existing barriers facing service providers, businesses, work colleagues and family wanting to hold conversations with Deaf BSL-using people. In addition, their service has reduced the previous waiting time of 3 to 6 weeks for a BSL interpreter to be available, down to an average of 30 seconds or less.

Andrew Dewey, CEO SLi Group concluded by saying, “We are incredibly excited about appointing our first charity of the year and we cannot overlook our corporate social responsibility as a company. It is staggering to learn that Deaf people are twice as likely to experience mental health issues compared to hearing people which means it is so important for services to reach out to all sections of the deaf community.”

There is a growing awareness about mental health among the Deaf community, but much more needs to be done. The average wait for a Deaf person to receive therapy is 12 weeks, compared to 6 weeks for a hearing person. Together, we want to improve access and achieve health equality for Deaf people.

The partnership will start on 1st January 2021 for 3 years.

For more information about the work SignHealth does please visit the SignHealth website <https://signhealth.org.uk/> and SignVideo’s website <https://signvideo.co.uk/>

Notes to Editors

SignVideo

SignVideo is a service that enables deaf and hearing people to communicate with each-other. We deliver immediate access to online interpreting for deaf British Sign Language (BSL) users.

The service can be accessed through any laptop, PC/Mac or, Android or Apple tablet and smartphone via the SignVideo App.

SignVideo can be used in the workplace for face-to-face meetings, appointments, in shops or businesses and for telephone conversations – where deaf people can call a business or service and they can call them back.

All you need is a good Internet connection.

SignVideo is a social enterprise, dedicated to providing high quality services to improve the health and wellbeing of deaf people

For more information about SignVideo, visit signvideo.co.uk and follow us on Facebook @SignVideoFan, or on Twitter and Instagram at @SignVideo

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SignHealth

SignHealth is the Deaf health charity led by Deaf people at all levels of the organisation. We are dedicated to making sure Deaf people get the same sort of access to healthcare and health information and we provide services to improve Deaf people's health and wellbeing.

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