**I am Deaf and use British Sign Language.**

I need a BSL Interpreter for
all appointments please.

My name is:……………………………………………….….

Please make a note on my records
**“BSL Interpreter required”.** Thank you.



**I use British Sign Language (BSL)**

How to use your card

* When your appointment is booked, show them your BSL card.
* Take your card to every appointment – you may meet someone new.
* Ask for your records to be marked **“BSL Interpreter required”**

Who will book Interpreters for me?

* Your doctor’s surgery, dentist, hospital etc. will book an Interpreter to meet you at your appointment. All Interpreters are qualified and follow strict rules.

What will the Interpreters do?

* Help you communicate in BSL and English
* Help you understand any information and advice given to you

**They will not** make decisions for you about your health

Why are Interpreters important?

* They give you confidence to ask questions, make decisions and be involved.

Will I have to pay?

* **No** The doctor, dentist, hospital will pay

I have lost my card. What should I do?

Contact Deafness Resource Centre, St Helens, for a new card

* Phone 01744 23887 (use Typetalk)
* Email enquiries@deafnessresourcecentre.org
* Text 07508 851959

**Remember**:
**YOU** are responsible for telling staff you use BSL.
**THEY** are responsible for booking your Interpreters.