



# Information for Professionals supporting Deaf patients

## How can you help?

Offer your patient our  
**Information for Deaf people  
wanting support** leaflet.

Contact us for help and advice.



How can you contact us?  
**[richardmagillfund.com](http://richardmagillfund.com)**



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**Do you have a patient who is Deaf and uses Sign Language? We can help you with advice at no cost.**

### **What is the Richard Magill Fund?**

We are a small charity covering Bristol, North Somerset, Bath and Northeast Somerset, South Gloucestershire and Wiltshire.

We offer Deaf befrienders who will visit BSL users who are at the end of life. The person may have any condition, with a prognosis of managing the condition through to the end of life.

### **Why do we exist?**

Deaf people often have less access to mainstream services and don't always understand information due to their education, early input and coincidental access to information.

The volunteers will offer emotional support, help the person to understand what is happening and help them to share their views and decisions. They may repeat information that you have told them in a culturally and linguistically appropriate manner. They may act as an advocate and help you to understand Deaf culture which should assist you in managing the patient's experience.

We can help you to work alongside our volunteers within your current volunteer structure.

We can also direct you to a list of Sign Language Interpreters who have undertaken additional training within this field.

Both volunteers and interpreters have a current DBS check.

