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Submitted to Sign Language Bill - Call for Evidence
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Consent and introduction

What is your name?

Name:

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What is your organisation?

Organisation:

N/A

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Clause 1

Do you feel Clause 1 goes far enough in formally recognising BSL and ISL as languages of Northern Ireland?

Yes

Please give details to support your answer.

Text box to enter additional details:

If BSL should be recognise here in Northern Ireland as a language, should you add (NI) beside BSL to identify that it is northern Ireland BSL.

Clause 2

Do you feel Clause 2 goes far enough in promoting the use of BSL and ISL and developing deaf culture?

Yes

Please give details to support your answer.

Text box for entering additional information:

but could do more with different minority within the Deaf community eg. deaf blind, deaf autism, etc. require different training to support their groups.

Are there any other approaches (apart from providing for the availability of classes) that could help to meet the objective of the greater use and understanding of BSL and ISL?

Yes

Please give details to support your answer.

Text box to enter additional details:

Deaf Centre would be great to encourage the deaf community to get together. this will encourage non-deaf to be involve to learn and improve their signing.

Events/ festival - should there be interpreters to portray sign language in public and the deaf community can just turn up without thinking will there be interpreter at events .

Clause 3

Do you think the duty placed on prescribed organisations to make the information and services accessible to members of the deaf community is sufficient?

No

Please give details to support your answer.

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Reasonable steps- are there any limit to what reasonable steps they take -, eg. if they think getting someone in their workplace who knows sign language - maybe have level 2 BSL certificate, to interpret meeting in hospital or solicitor should not happen. should they check with the deaf individual what competency they have to try provide the best service they can to ensure the deaf individual is happy with the outcome without stress.

Clause 4

Do you support the approach taken by Clause 4?

Yes

Please give details to support your answer.

Text box for entering additional information:

Clause 5

Do you support the approach to consultation required in Clause 5?

Yes

Please give details to support your answer.

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but make sure that there are always groups of deaf people (with expertise) be representatives for the deaf community are in present when revising or devising guidance.

Clause 6

Do you support the approach taken in this clause?

Yes

Please give details to support your answer.

Text box for entering additional information:

Do you feel there is anything else this Clause should include?

Yes

Please give details to support your answer.

Text box to enter additional details:

Just wondering should each prescribed organisation should employ at least 2 deaf employees to assist and making sure they are making right decision regarding deaf consumers needs. It would benefit the organisation to employ deaf people to keep them right

Clause 7

Do you support the provision for the Department for Communities to make regulations detailed in Clause 7?

Yes

Please give details to support your answer.

Text box for entering additional information:

Do you support the approach to consultation detailed in Clause 7?

Not Answered

Please give details to support your answer.

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Clause 8

Do you feel the level of consultation required in Clause 8 is sufficient?

Yes

Please give details to support your answer.

Text box for entering additional information:

i dont think one person is enough, should there be at least two people to act on behalf of the deaf community, also to make sure they voted who they trust will act on their behalf.

Clause 9

Do you think evaluating the impact of the Bill in a report every five years is an appropriate length of time?

No

Please give details to support your answer.

Text box for entering additional information:

too long. alot can happen in short period of time

Clause 10

Do you support the creation of a scheme for accrediting BSL and ISL teachers?

Yes

Please give details to support your answer.

Text box for entering additional information:

we need more BSL/ ISL teachers . and more venue for classes to be taught. so that more people can go near their home area to learn BSL

Do you support the creation of a scheme for accrediting BSL and ISL interpreters?

Yes

Please give details to support your answer.

Text box to enter additional details:

we need more BSL/ISL interpreters and translators , both deaf and hearing , when the bill is approved

Clause 11

Do you agree with the definition of the deaf community provided for in the Bill?

No

Please give details to support your answer. Please outline what people or groups you think should be included or excluded and why.

Text box for entering additional information:

i agree with all but you forget deaf children of hearing families, they are counted as deaf community, they all need to learn

Clause 12

Do you agree with the definition of BSL and ISL provided for in the Bill?

Yes

Please give details to support your answer. If you think there are any aspects missing, please outline what you think should be included.

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Clause 13

Do you agree with the definition of "everyday reliance" provided in the Bill?

Yes

Please give details to support your answer. If you think there are any aspects missing, please outline what you think should be included.

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Any other comments

Is there anything which you expected the Bill to make provision for which has not been included in the Bill?

Yes

Please give details to support your answer.

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Deaf Centre - for young children to see deaf adult as great role model.

Sign language class free for new parents of deaf children.

Sign language classes at affordable price to enable more deaf or non-deaf people who show interest in learning BSL.

Deaf education- need better provision to help deaf children leave school with higher grade. Teachers, communication workers and interpreters should gain higher level of signing certificate.

Mental Health- better service, Staff should be fluent in signing to engage with deaf client and ensure they are comfortable, suggest maybe more deaf people to train to become consultants is ideal

Festival or big events in town or city should provide interpreters so deaf can turn up without worrying

If you have any other comments in relation to the Bill please tell us here.

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