Deaf Awareness Week
6–12 May 2019

When you meet a deaf person

- Face the person while you are speaking, don’t turn away
- Speak clearly without shouting
- Repeat yourself if necessary
- Never say ‘It doesn’t matter’
- If the person doesn’t understand you, don’t give up!
- Write it down or draw a picture
- Speak one at a time, don’t talk over each other
- Keep your mouth visible
- Smile and relax
- Don’t speak too quickly or too slowly
- Please use gestures

At least 24,000 people in the UK use British Sign Language (BSL) as their main language

There are 11 million people with hearing loss across the UK

There are 50,000 children with hearing loss across the UK

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