BSL (British Sign Language) Interpreter

## Job details

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| Job title: | BSL (British Sign Language) Interpreter |
| Department: | NHS MSK Physiotherapy - Bromley |
| Location and timings: | Current locations and times based on physiotherapist schedule:  **Monday, Thursday and Friday (08:00-16:00)**  *Sports Injury Centre, Jubilee Stand, Crystal Palace, SE19 2BB*  **Tuesday (08:30-16:30)**  *Central Court, 1B Knoll Rise, Orpington BR6 0JA* |
| Contract Type: | Part-time (up to 30 hours available) |
| Reporting to:  (job title only) | NHS MSK Team Leader |
| Job purpose: | We are seeking qualified and experienced British Sign Language (BSL) Interpreter(s) to provide one-to-one on-site support for a Deaf physiotherapist. The interpreter(s) will play a vital role in enabling effective communication between the physiotherapist, colleagues, and patients, ensuring accessibility and inclusion in all aspects of the workplace. |
| Role and Responsibilities: | * Provide accurate and professional BSL/English interpretation during:   Patient consultations and treatments  Team meetings, training sessions, and supervision  Informal workplace interactions   * Support the physiotherapist with communication access in both clinical and non-clinical environments. * Maintain strict confidentiality and impartiality at all times, adhering to professional interpreting standards. * Prepare for interpreting assignments by familiarising with relevant medical, clinical, and physiotherapy terminology. * Work collaboratively with healthcare staff to facilitate clear and effective communication. * Promote accessibility and awareness of Deaf culture within the workplace when appropriate. |

## Person specification

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|  | **Essential** | **Desirable** |
| **Qualifications** | * Currently registered as a qualified BSL interpreter with either the SRLPDC or the NRCPD |  |
| **Experience** | * Proven experience of interpreting in professional or healthcare environments | * Previous experience in an NHS setting |
| **Personal competencies and qualities** | * Excellent command of both spoken/written English and British Sign Language. * Strong interpersonal and communication skills. * Ability to work sensitively and respectfully with Deaf and hearing colleagues. * Commitment to confidentiality, impartiality, and professional standards. | * Previous experience interpreting in medical or physiotherapy settings. * Awareness of physiotherapy-specific terminology or willingness to learn. * Experience working one-to-one with Deaf professionals. * Flexibility to adapt to varied interpreting scenarios (patients of different ages, staff teams, training sessions). |

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