



Date: 31 August 2023

Subject: The Lived British Sign Language User – Doncaster & District Deaf Society Borough-wide

Presented by: Pauline Dunn – Trustee, Secretary and Treasurer

Purpose of bringing this report to the Board:- To receive an update on progress since the Board received the presentation by Pauline Dunn on the gaps, inequalities and access to services for the British Sign Language User living in Doncaster at its meeting in March 2023.

Decision	
Recommendation to Full Council	
Endorsement	
Information	YES

Implications		Applicable Yes/No
DHWB Strategy Areas of Focus	Substance Misuse (Drugs and Alcohol)	
	Mental Health	YES
	Dementia	YES
	Obesity	YES
	Children and Families	YES
Joint Strategic Needs Assessment		
Finance		
Legal		
Equalities		YES
Other Implications (please list)		

How will this contribute to improving health and wellbeing in Doncaster?

At its meeting held on 9 March 2023, the Board welcomed Pauline Dunn of the Doncaster Deaf Society who provided an insight into the lived experiences of British Sign Language Users, highlighting gaps and inequalities.

Arising from Pauline's presentation and subsequent discussion, the Board agreed the following actions at its meeting in March and requested that an update on progress should be received at this meeting:-

Actions agreed by the Board on 9 March 2023:

1. Dr Alsindi communicate to all GPs the need to use BSL interpreters reiterating this is at no cost to the Practice;
2. Pauline Dunn to meet with Riana Nelson to address the issues with regard to Early Years, as well as picking up the culture issues highlighted within the presentation;
3. In their area of Adult Social Care, Annika Leyland Bolton would pick up on the learning lessons highlighted within the presentation, including the issues relating to pendant alarms, form filling and phone calls;
4. Richard Parker to contact the Head of Patient Experience to arrange a meeting between themselves and Pauline Dunn;
5. A report be brought back to the Health and Well Being Board at the September Meeting for an update and to see what changes had been implemented

Recommendations

The Board is asked to:-

Discuss and note the update on progress in relation to this matter and determine whether any further actions are required.