



**becomingvisible**

at the heart of the Deaf community

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**Support Workers / Personal Assistants / Buddy**

**Becoming Visible**  
is delighted to  
announce that we  
have a new specialised  
service for Deaf  
people. This is called  
**Deaf ID.**



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## Our service is unique.



We are providing a tailor-made enablement package for Deaf children/ young people and adults people aged 8 upwards. Following assessment by our specialist team of qualified professionals who are fluent in British Sign Language & Deaf Culture, a holistic approach will be adopted to suit the individual, to deliver their unique support which will be reviewed on a regular basis. The unique approach we have is that we are providing a service for Deaf people of all ages from 8 years onward. This is the only service that provides for this age range in the North East of England (Berwick – Teesside). We also work with other trusted partners to refer you if you are not in our catchment area.



## Our service is about independence and integrity.



Although this is a new service, the concept and our approach to ensuring independence, integrity and identity amongst the Deaf community is not new. Our reputation precedes us as the specialists in British Sign Language & Deaf Culture in the North East of England having been established for over 17 years. We have a full package providing other services that is also about quality, integrity and independence - community engagement, interpreting, translation and training that can only benefit our clients, staff and the community.



# Who can we support?



Here are just a few examples of the clients that we support:

- Older deaf people who may have less mobility may need that extra bit of support to ensure their safety whilst retaining their independence.
- Young deaf people who may need peer support/ a buddy to develop life skills that leads to developing their identities as independent young adults.
- Deafblind people and Deaf people with Usher Syndrome may need guides or personal assistants to enable them to travel independently, go to work and attend social events.
- Deaf Immigrants new to the UK may struggle with cultural changes, language barriers and knowledge. We can support them in a variety of ways.
- There may be deaf people who are part of the UK's system such as those who are transitioning from one service to another such as care homes, fostering/adoption/prison services, hospitals and so on that may need support. We can provide this.
- Please talk to us to see if we can provide a cultural and Deaf friendly solution to your needs.



# What is available?



This service works with Deaf people of all backgrounds and ages (from 8 upwards). This is provided on a one to one basis with the ultimate aim, using a holistic approach, to get the person to become independent and to live their lives with integrity and without limit. We do not provide personal care.



As an example, our carefully selected, trained, checked support workers/personal assistants and buddies will be expected to do the following tasks with clients:

- Shopping
- Eating healthily (shopping, cooking and discussions)
- Managing money
- Paying bills
- Ensuring your client understands information
- Accompanying them to appointments
- Work with them to develop life skills such as travel, socialising, visiting groups and venues
- Face to face support with individuals to provide support and companionship / peership



## How is the service funded?



There are a number of funding streams to cover the costs of the service which ranges from an individual's Educational Health Care Plan, Direct Payments and one-off funding support. Please get in touch with us so that we can support you in meeting you/ your client's needs.



### Questions?



Please do contact us during office hours of 9am to 5pm on:

Mobile | FaceTime | WhatsApp: **07775 81150**

Email: **DeafID@becomingvisible.co.uk**





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## Get in touch

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