

Exeter Royal Academy for the Deaf – Introduction for Learning Support



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The specialist college at Exeter Royal Academy for Deaf Education has a large team of Communication Support Workers (CSWs) working alongside the Academy's Tutors to support their deaf students who attend 3 partner mainstream colleges of further education for a major part of their learning programmes.

The focus of this output is to demonstrate effective practice within the CSW service and to show how this supports and empowers deaf students to become successful in their learning and to develop high aspirations.

The output includes a survey of 10 of our 40 GFE deaf students to seek their views on the effectiveness of CSW support. 8 of the student surveys were paper based and 2 were based on filmed interviews. On the gateway we have a series of [video clips](#) recorded in British Sign Language (BSL) with subtitles and voice over to give access to both deaf and hearing people. The clips consist of a description of our CSW Service by the CSW Manager, feedback on the support given by the CSW service by 2 deaf students, and, an analysis of the findings of the student survey as a whole.

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