

**Name of Project: Domestic Abuse Project (formerly DeafHope)**

**Lead Partner: Signhealth**

**Borough: Haringey**

'Bethany' was referred to our services in November by a floating social worker in Haringey. Bethany had been living at her mothers-in-law home with her husband and daughter for over a year. Bethany and her husband are both Deaf while the daughter is able to hear. Bethany was being physically abused by her mother-in-law with the abuse starting to be re-focus on her daughter. The daughter is also hearing and was additionally subjected to verbal abuse. It was a very unstable environment.

When Bethany was referred to our service, her IDVA made several attempts to get into contact Homes of Haringey to no success. This resulted in a referral being made to MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub) where Bethany was allocated a duty social worker.

With a multidisciplinary support network between the IDVA and the social worker, it was possible to gain private accommodation and the family moved out of the home. Fortunately, the accommodation gained was very near the daughter's school so she did not need to move schools.

Bethany, her husband and the daughter are now in a safe accommodation and pleased to be out of the mothers-in-law home. The family now have no more contact with the mother-in-law and the daughter is receiving support from children's services.

Currently the IDVA is support Bethany in reporting her mother-in-law to the police. The case is still ongoing.