

**Request Ref: 2845**

FOI Request dated **27/03/2023** as follows –

1. *Who at your university is responsible for the procurement of a BSL service? Do you have their email address?*
2. *Who at your university is responsible for your external communications, such as website and social media content? Do you have their email address?*
3. *Are your external comms/content currently provided in BSL for the Deaf community?*
4. *If yes, do you outsource these BSL translations to an agency?*
5. *If no, do you have any plans to provide your comms/content in BSL?*

**Response**

1. Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at Section 1(1)(a) is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in a request is held. The second duty at Section 1(1)(b) is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held. Where exemptions are relied upon Section 17 of FOIA requires that we provide the applicant with a notice which: a) states that fact b) specifies the exemption(s) in question and c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

It has been determined that this information is exempt on the basis that s21 of the Act applies – Information Reasonably Accessible by Other Means. As this exemption is absolute there is no requirement for me to conduct a public interest test, however in order to provide assistance I provide the following link - <https://www.hull.ac.uk/work-with-us/more/supplying-our-university/procurement>

2. [i.s.berry@hull.ac.uk](mailto:i.s.berry@hull.ac.uk) and [b.cornall@hull.ac.uk](mailto:b.cornall@hull.ac.uk)
3. No we do not currently produce any BSL content. This rational behind this is most of our content is written so it's not required. When we do use video, these are subtitled so don't need BSL translations. However if this was requested we would look into it.
4. N/A
5. Please see point 3 above.