



## Central East Anglia Regional Meeting via Zoom

Meeting minutes

18.11.20 8.00pm - 9.30pm

Chair: Rosie Pell

### **Apologies from:**

Jacqui, Kim, Marian, Sue, Emma, Jan, Kathryn, Anne, Tamsin, Ivan

### **Present:**

Rosie, Julie, Yvonne, Robin, Dionne, Debi, Vanessa, Amanda

**Introductions & welcome to new joiners / update on membership for the region** – Tamsin  
(Tamsin not here – no membership updates)

New joiners – welcome Dionne

### **Feedback from Online “Not a Conference”** – Tamsin

(Tamsin not here)

Dionne enjoyed the mix of speakers and attended a variety of workshops. Interpreters of colour well represented. Some technical issues, but overall enjoyable. Recordings available – Debi watched Christopher Stone presenting on ‘silver linings’ of the pandemic such being easier to shadow in new domains through online access.

### **Training update – plans for the year ahead / feedback from training undertaken** – Kim

Confidence training Darren Townsend-Handscomb in January. Hoping to try and extend the numbers to 13 but waiting for DTH feedback.

Paying for training subsidy – ASLI pays direct and participant pays DTH the balance, otherwise if we run the course and charge ppts we have to pay vat on top.

Robin did online Clive Mason Medical training – harder on screen, limited numbers but very worthwhile

Sexual health training – Julie & Amanda. Also recommended.

Debi – York St John University; Deaf professional’s research into working with interpreters, different views of interpreters (bridge/barrier..) and group dynamics. Consideration of additional pressures/workload of Deaf professional and how interpreters can support.

Issues of GDPR – can’t keep information? Would be more useful to hold knowledge so DP doesn’t have to re-explain everything each time. Provoked an interesting discussion about the boundaries of GDPR and what is appropriate to keep in order to do one’s job as well as possible.

GDPR - may be a training opportunity for next year? Maybe ask other ASLI areas what training they have done? Also consider shorter duration ie Guest presenter webinar then group discussion (Debi). Look through webinar lists for ideas – might bring in more people?  
**(Kim)**

**Peer Discussion: PPE choices / coping through Coronavirus**

Lesley Wetherson (lipspeaker) has various options. Robin has anti-pollen masks from US with anti-fog spray – really helps. Rosie has homemade masks with wide window. Visors are more comfortable but may not provide as much protection. Tend to find general public intrigued by clear mask.

**AOB – NHS Interpreting survey, Face to face fees**

Tamsin mentioned some agencies getting used to no travel fee and trying to squash fees for face to face work – try to resist! Robin had example of client asking for “1 hour” fee.

26<sup>th</sup> November 5pm – deadline for Deaf person’s survey responses. Some interpreters have supported Deaf people in bookings – questions are in BSL and English but some people prefer to send written response – may be less personal and more anonymous. Surveying how BSL users perceive access to interpreting provision in NHS, quite a large survey covering all aspects including optometry, dental etc. Quite long-winded but potentially useful information, Debi pointed out that DP is not required to complete every section – can skip to a specific section. Hope that as many people as possible will offer feedback. Dionne will post on local Facebook page.

**Diary dates:** Next and future regional meetings – next meeting Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> March, 14<sup>th</sup> July  
ASLI Conference Bristol 2-3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021.