

**Title: Unqualified co-worker 1**

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**Key words:**

Stage 2 BSL. Agency. Agencies. Co-working.

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**Dilemma:**

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They also have a conflict of interest but don't see the problem in that, or their level of skill.

You talk to the Chair who suggests that if you refuse to interpret you may have to pay the costs of canceling the tribunal.

You talk to the agency, and they think someone with stage 2 BSL is good enough.

What do you do?

Note – Stage or level 2 BSL is a basic language qualification, and is considerably below any level of reasonable fluency. It has nothing to do with being trained or assessed in BSL skills. In the UK this would not be enough for you to be able to register as an interpreter.

**Work role & Country of sender:** UK, Interpreter