
DEAF AWARENESS WEEK



Deaf awareness 2nd - 8th May 2022

The theme for Deaf awareness week 2022 is Deaf Inclusion.

Visit <https://www.signature.org.uk/deaf-awareness-week/>

The aim;

The campaigns aim is to highlight the impact of hearing loss on everyday life and increase visibility and inclusion of Deaf people. Emphasising the importance of mental health, whilst ensuring the inclusivity of all ethnic groups. It will also challenge where deafness is overlooked such as education and workplaces.

The Facts;

In the UK there are 12 million adults with hearing loss. This is equivalent to around one in five adults. It is estimated that there are 151,000 people in the UK who use British Sign Language and 87,000 of these are Deaf. There are at least 50,000 children who are deaf in the UK. It is estimated that in the UK, more than 40% of people over 50 years old have hearing loss, rising to more than 70% of people over the age of 70. There are 7.1 million adults in the UK living with tinnitus. It is estimated that there are nearly 400,000 deaf/blind people in the UK.

Common terms of hearing loss;

Hard of hearing – People who have some level of hearing loss, They may experience some difficulty in hearing people who whisper or certain types of speech.

Deafened – Usually applies to people who could read, write and speak but due to an accident. Infection or operation they have lost this ability.

Deaf – Deaf describes people who are born without hearing or lose their hearing as child Their main language would be Sign Language.

Audiology, Tinnitus, Hearing and Balance services are available at Sutton Medical. For more information; call 01213087774 or email admin.team@suttonmed.co.uk