

I hope that your work will include the degree to which the mental well being of deaf people is affected by their deafness and the attitudes and lack of understanding of hearing people. Please see the Reaching Deaf Minds website for relevant information which could feed into the project www.reachingdeafminds.org.uk.

We submitted a detailed response to the SEU consultation on mental health and social exclusion which I append to this mail for your information.

It is worth pointing out that profoundly deaf people do not get rehabilitated, they remain deaf and hearing aids, even digital ones, have limited value for them.

Sign would be pleased to contribute the deafness perspective. We have called for the establishment of a focal point in government responsible for deafness, since the current fragmentation contributes to policy stealth.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Gerda Loosemore-Reppen