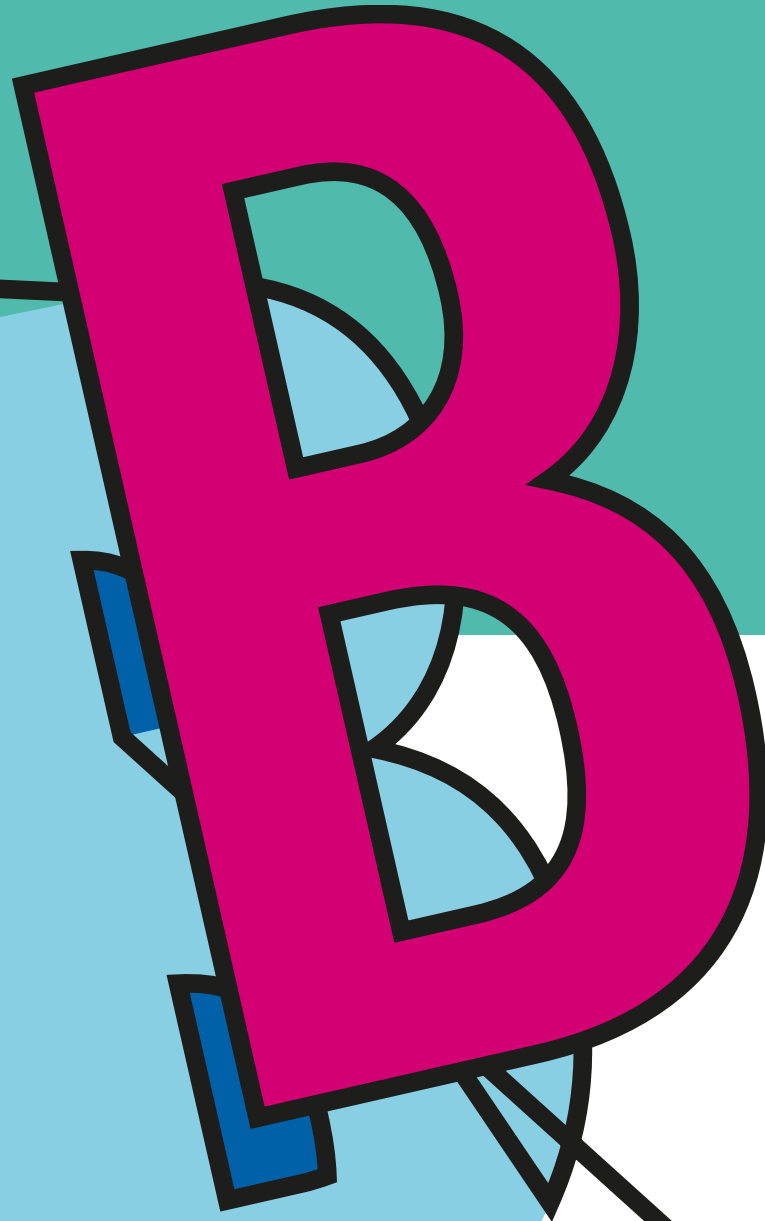


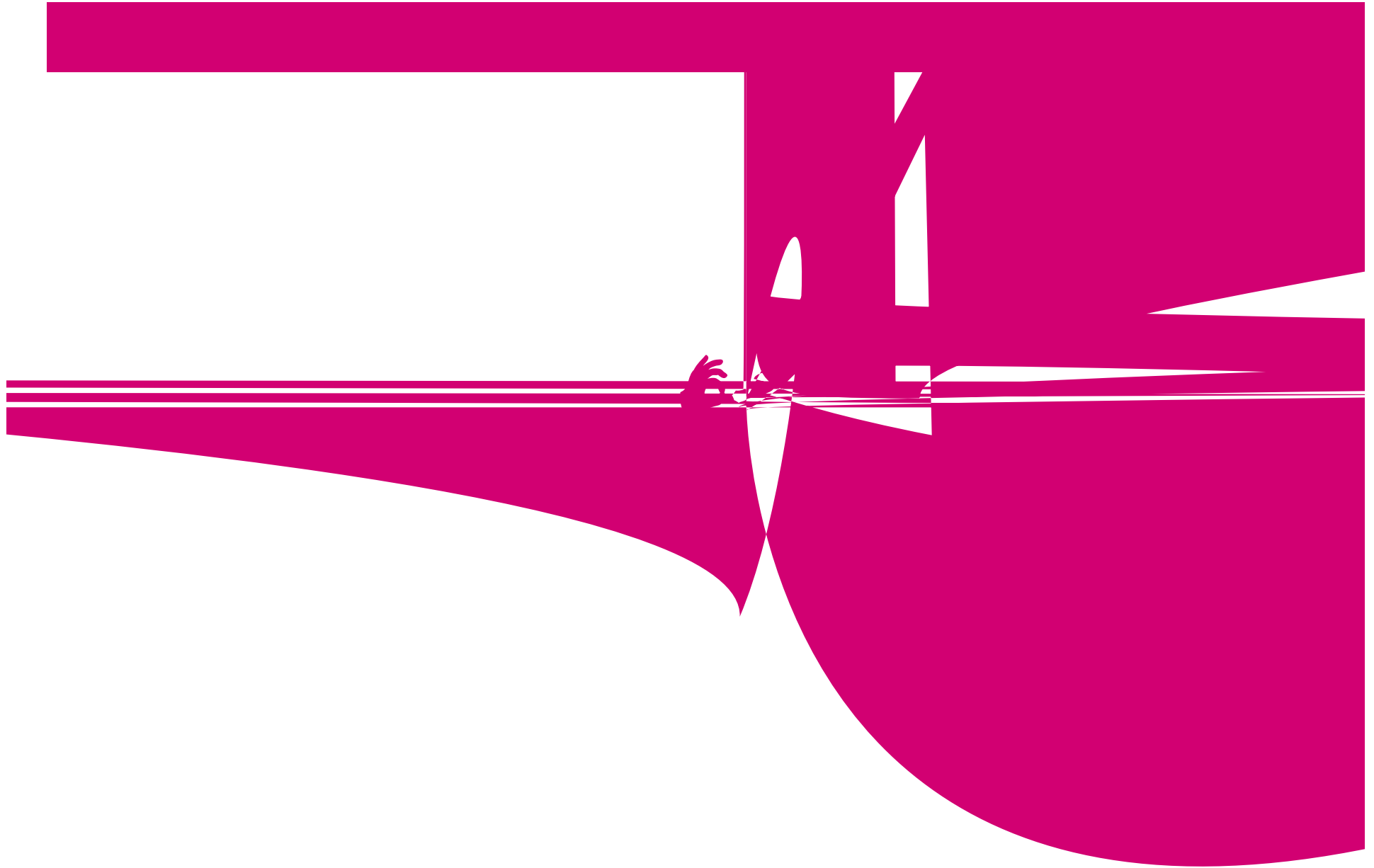


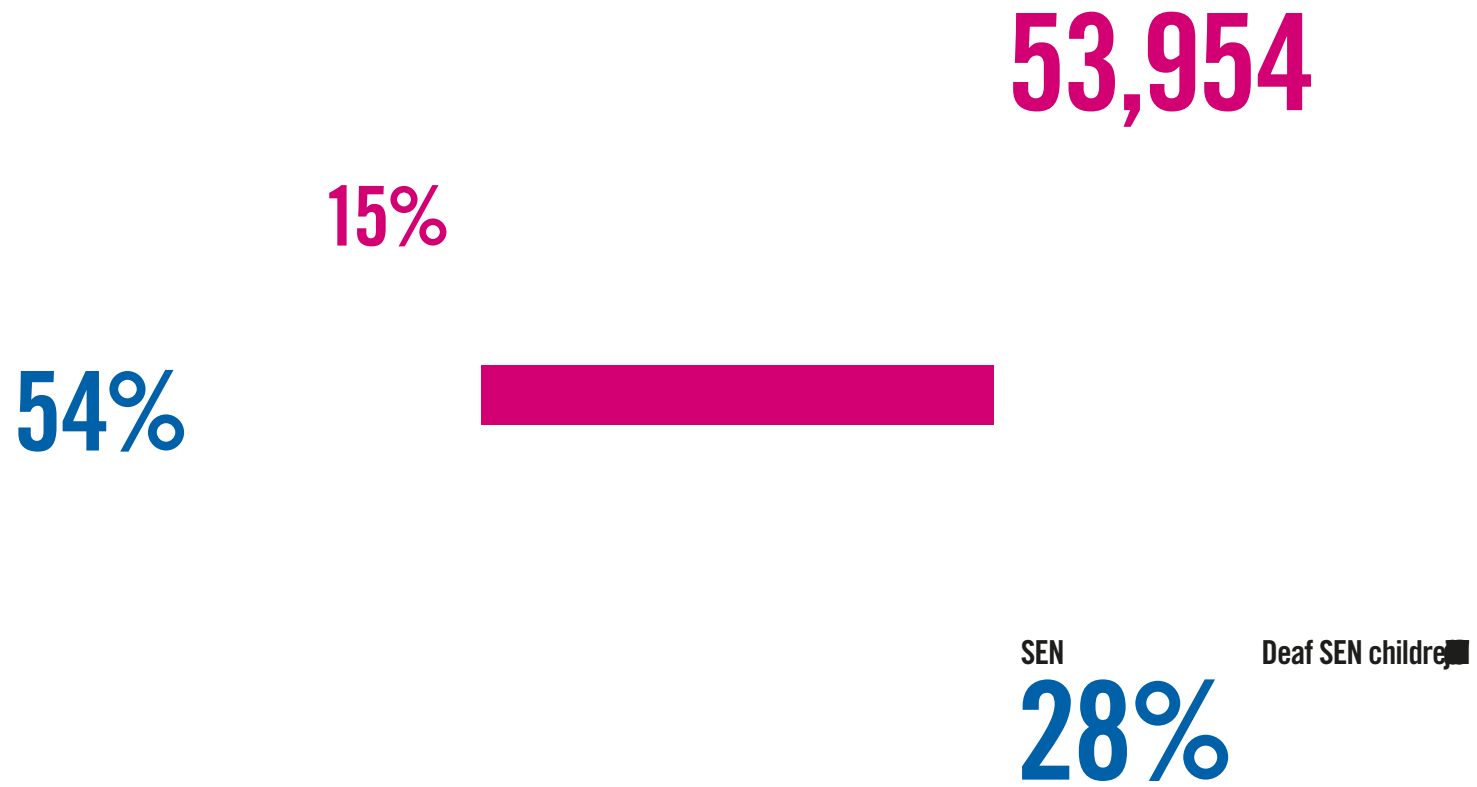
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**COMMUNITY  
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# DEAF AND HEARING LOSS COMMUNITY PROFILE

## WORKING AND LEARNING WELL

In the academic year 2019/20, on average, deaf pupils achieved a grade 4 for each subject, this was



**1** ON AVERAGE THAN HEARING STUDENTS

of deaf students achieved 2 A-levels (2019/20), or equivalent compared to

## PROTECT AND DETECT

### CANCER SCREENING PEOPLE WITH HEARING LOSS ARE

**11%** more likely to attend cancer screening compared to people with no physical disability

### DIABETES

OF DEAF PEOPLE HAD HIGHER THAN NORMAL BLOOD SUGAR LEVELS

and were not aware of this (2% general pop). This suggests that undiagnosed diabetes may be more common in deaf people

## ACTIVE AT EVERY AGE AND ABILITY

are the main activities that people with hearing loss partake in

SAID THAT COMMUNICATION WAS THE MAIN BARRIER TO SPORT

## WORKING LIFE



**73%** OF DEAF PEOPLE'S EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES were limited because of their hearing loss

## SEXUAL HEALTH

THE DEAF COMMUNITY EXPERIENCES HIGHER RATES OF UNPLANNED PREGNANCY AND STIs THAN THE REST OF THE POPULATION

AROUND 8 IN 10 DEAF PEOPLE SAID THAT THEY WOULD PREFER PLAYING IN A MIXED ENVIRONMENT WITH DEAF AND HEARING PEOPLE

## BARRIERS AT WORK

Reasons for early retirement due to hearing loss included

DIFFICULTIES USING THE PHONE

COMMUNICATION CHALLENGES WITH COLLEAGUES

**ONLY 35%**

of deaf students knew that condoms could prevent the transmission of infections, and almost all were not aware of the term STI

The top three reasons for being active within the hearing loss community are

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## CLOSING THE GAPS

**30%** of Deaf people communicate with a doctor in BSL  
**80% WOULD LIKE TO**

## YEARS LIVED WITH DISABILITY

In 2016 sense order diseases were ranked in the top five contributory factors to overall Disability-Adjusted Life Years (DALYs).

**411** PEOPLE AGED 18+ WITH A HEARING IMPAIRMENT

received adult social care packages from Birmingham City Council

## GREEN AND SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

MAJOR ELEMENTS INVOLVED IN d/DEAF INTERACTIONS WITH THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

## MITIGATING THE IMPACT OF COVID

### MENTAL HEALTH

d/Deaf people reported that the pandemic had a major impact on their mental health

## CHALLENGES

SICKNESS SOCIAL ISOLATION INTERPRETER

## AGEING AND DYING WELL

NEARLY ONE THIRD OF DEAF PARTICIPANTS HAD ELEVATED LEVELS OF CHOLESTEROL

### CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE

**32%**  
DEAF POPULATION

**50%**  
GENERAL POPULATION

Older people with dual sensory loss are

**3X** more likely to have falls compared to people with sight loss

## CANCER

Some types of head and neck cancer (nasopharyngeal) can cause hearing loss. Radiotherapy or chemotherapy (the drug cisplatin) may cause tinnitus. This is often temporary but can sometimes be permanent

The risk of developing dementia increases with hearing loss. The risk in those with hearing loss is said to be

**41%** of deaf woman had high cholesterol, versus

The reported rates of chronic respiratory conditions among deaf participants is

**COPD**