Who is the service for?
The Sign Language Assessment Clinic aims to provide a specialist communication assessment service for Deaf sign language users. This may include:

- Deaf children who do not appear to be making progress with either spoken or sign language
- Deaf children and adults who sign who have additional disabilities, e.g. people with Ushers’, cerebral palsy, learning difficulties
- Children and adults who are not deaf, but who are using manual sign as their main means of communication, e.g. Down’s syndrome, Landau Kleffner syndrome
- Deaf people who have had a stroke or who have been diagnosed with Parkinson’s Disease
- Deaf children and adults who sign who have recently arrived in the UK and who have limited communication abilities
- Deaf people with persistent reading difficulties

What is on offer?
Our team is experienced in developing assessment materials for sign language users and in researching communication and reading in deaf people. We offer an individualised communication assessment carried out by qualified deaf and hearing specialists:

- Speech & language therapists
- Sign linguists
- Psychologists
- Educational audiologists

Following the assessment, a report will be provided with guidelines for intervention programmes. The report can be tailored to meet the needs of educational, legal or medical contexts.

The clinic is held on a once weekly basis during University term-time. Individuals are invited to attend with their families and/or key-workers.
Sign Language Assessment

It is sometimes possible for the assessment to be carried out using video clips of the client rather than a live assessment.

The fee for an assessment depends on the required staffing, but is typically £400* for a communication assessment and £600* for a more comprehensive assessment including Educational Psychology assessment and/or reading.

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