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## Response to Draft BSL (Scotland) Bill

*West Scotland Deaf Children's Society welcomes the draft BSL (Scotland) Bill as an important first step toward creating understanding, awareness and solutions to the communication barriers that exist for deaf children, young people, adults and their families and friends. It should promote and support greater awareness of BSL and deafness more generally. It is important for education, mental well being, and for leading a life which is more inclusive within the wider community. It is essential that awareness raising and understanding is greater than at the present time.*

*In the longer term, we would like to see it go further to ensure that Scotland becomes a place which is truly, wholly inclusive to all those with communication difficulties thus removing the communication barriers they currently face on a daily basis.*

*West Scotland Deaf Children's Society supports the position of the Scottish Council on Deafness and their response to this draft bill*

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