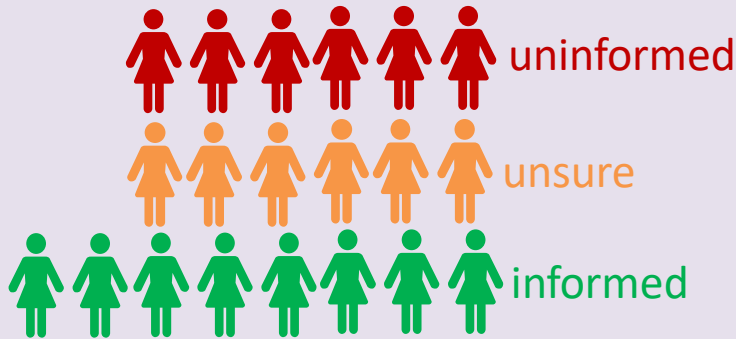


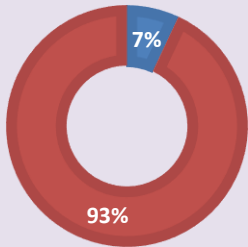
Birmingham & Solihull Survey: The Results

A total of 3 forums were conducted: 2 in November 2018 & 1 in March 2019, by Sarah Bown from the University of Wolverhampton in partnership with BID Services, focussing on the menopause as experienced by Deaf and hard of hearing women. The feedback from participants indicated a greater need for **accessible** information and support.

60% of Deaf women are **not informed enough** about the menopause.

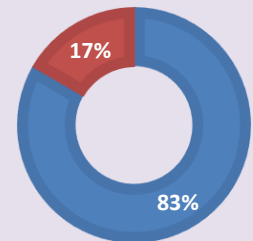


55% are **not aware** that **symptoms** they are experiencing **could be attributed** to the menopause



7% are able to access information in BSL

Despite existing legislation (Equality Act 2010; PSED 2011) and the NHS accessible information standard (2015; 2017), Deaf women **do not have sufficient access** to menopause health information in **British Sign Language (BSL)**.



83% want to access information in BSL

“For most Deaf people, English is a second language and as such they may have a limited ability to read, write or speak English.” (NHS accessible information standard, 2015:6)



Those who were given medical leaflets and websites to look at, **reported difficulty in understanding them.**

For further details – please contact

S.Bown@wlv.ac.uk

Birmingham and Solihull Survey: The Results

66% of Deaf women **did not consult** healthcare professionals about their menopause symptoms, this is 16% higher* than the general female population.

*BMS National Survey 2017



In contrast Deaf women state they **need more professional help and advice** as they **approach** the menopause.



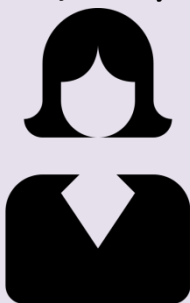
Low mood
Sweating
Mood swings
No interest in life
Crying
Heart beating fast
Tired
Night sweats
Numbness in body
Poor memory
Anxiety
Feel nervous
Frequent urine passing
Loss of interest in sex
Joint and muscle pain

Panic attacks
Hot Flashes
Joint pain
Headaches
Depression
No energy
Dizzy

Deaf women on average report **nine symptoms** of the menopause.



The vast majority of Deaf women (90%) have **no awareness** of treatment options and how these work.



Only 30% of those being treated understand how the **treatment works**.



Percentage of Deaf women who want **help and advice** in the following **formats**.