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Police Scotland submission of 30 March 2020

Police Scotland's current contracted British Sign Language providers do not provide any Makaton services, as it is not known to be a service commonly used by deaf, deafened or hard of hearing people.

Police Scotland recognises that although Makaton Sign Language is not classified as a language, it is used to enable people with learning or communication difficulties to communicate effectively.

In accordance with the Equality Act 2010 and Police Scotland's current Equality Outcomes, we will consider any reasonable adjustments required ensuring our services are accessible, taking cognisance of the various methods of communication and needs of all communities, particularly protected groups. We will ensure that we continue to adapt our approaches to provide fair and equal access to policing services and support.