Only 25% of respondents said they found it easy or very easy to be an LGBT deaf person in Brighton & Hove. This compared to 76% of the overall sample in the research when they were asked just about LGBT identities.

LGBT deaf people experienced difficulties with services, health, safety and housing.

47% of deaf respondents found it easy or very easy to access services specifically for LGBT deaf people, while 11% found it very difficult. There were also particular difficulties in accessing health services.

42% of deaf respondents said that they had experienced domestic violence or abuse and there were indications that they were more likely than non-deaf people to have been abused by people other than partner or family members.

46% of deaf respondents found it difficult or very difficult to find deaf-friendly LGBT pubs, clubs or organisations in Brighton and Hove. None said it was very easy.

For many deaf LGBT respondents, LGBT communities and spaces were inaccessible because of assumptions regarding the normality of hearing. As a result, these people felt excluded from such communities and spaces.
More than a third of deaf respondents found it difficult or very difficult to find information about what help or assistance is available to them.

When deaf LGBT people were asked about what they would like to change in Brighton & Hove there were five clear categories:

- less prejudice and more understanding;
- less loud music in venues;
- better access in general;
- more and better information;
- wider use of British Sign Language.

The analysis group recommended that:

- services commissioned and provided for deaf people should be LGBT friendly as a condition of funding, and that achievement in this area should be monitored.
- issues identified in this research by the deaf LGBT community be taken to the cross-sector City Disability Equality Scheme Steering Group.
- deaf LGBT people continue to be encouraged to join the City Disability Equality Scheme Steering Group, to work with health providers to ensure that improvements are made.
- LGBT communities, voluntary groups and businesses should work to become more deaf friendly and provide inclusive spaces.

To find out more details about the results of the research and recommendations the full report can be downloaded for free from:

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