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We run a small badminton club for people with a learning disability as part of the Special Olympics group. One of our regular players comes with Sharon Brown as her enabler /signer. Sharon manages to combine listening to us as coaches and interpreting for the athlete with remarkable ease. She is very good at knowing when to step in and help and when to stand back and let the athlete work it out for herself. As a group we sometimes go away for tournaments and recently Sharon accompanied us to an event with an overnight stay. We found her not only good company but very good at maintaining a conversation with the deaf athlete and the hearing athletes that enabled her to be a big part of the conversation.

At the tournament she had prepared placards and was able to communicate the instructions from the umpire to the athlete with the speed required and also learnt the rules to help her.

It would be very difficult for us to have a deaf athlete in the mixed group without her help.

Christine Hooper