

SMS text service for hearing or speech impaired

Staffordshire Police is appealing to residents and companies to help promote a service for people with hearing or speech impairment.

The service allows people with hearing or speech difficulties to contact the police via text in the event of an emergency providing they have registered their details. Text messages sent using the service go through to the police emergency call centre that deals with 999 calls. Once received, an acknowledgment is sent, so that the sender is aware that the message has been received and is being acted on. The service can also be used to contact the fire and rescue service or the ambulance services in an emergency.

Anyone wanting to find out more about Staffordshire Police's emergency SMS text line can go to www.staffordshire.police.uk/smsdeaf . An application form can be downloaded from this web page. Leaflets giving details of the service, including an application form, can also be obtained by ringing the police non emergency number on 08453 30 20 10.

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