



# KERRY DEAF RESOURCE CENTRE

KDRC provides services to deaf, deafened, hard of hearing & hearing customers on deaf and hard of hearing related issues. Appointments can be arranged via our Centre in Tralee.

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## CLOSING UP FOR ANNUAL LEAVE/HOLIDAYS.

Our office will be closing this Friday for our annual staff holidays.

We will close at 1pm on Friday, the 21<sup>st</sup> of December. We will re-open again, on Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> of January at 10am. If you need to meet any of our staff members before we close up, please contact us and we will do our best to fit in an appointment for you.



## SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETING FOR LEGAL & MEDICAL EMERGENCIES.

While we are closed for annual leave, don't forget if you need sign language interpreting access for medical or legal emergencies, you can contact **SLIS**- the Sign Language Interpreting Service and/or **Bridge Interpreting**.



**Bridge Interpreting** Out of hours Emergency Booking can be contacted on **087 904 6594**. For more information on Bridge, you can check out their website at <http://signlanguageinterpreting.ie/bridge-interpreting/>



**SLIS** Emergency Out of Hours Service can be contacted on **087 672 5179**. This service is intended for medical/legal emergencies only (e.g. hospital, garda etc.) and funerals. The service is available 24 hours. For more info, go to [www.slis.ie](http://www.slis.ie)

## WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR INTERPRETING ACCESS & WHO PAYS?

If your appointment is with Government Departments or Public Bodies, the **ISL Act 2017** places legal obligations on them to provide access at no cost to the sign language user. SLIS and Bridge Interpreting will be able to guide you on this while we are closed for holidays.

For more information on booking interpreters in general, have a look at a newsletter we shared on the **11<sup>th</sup> of June 2018 (Vol 14 Week 24)**. This covers a range of access policies that are in place across Ireland with a link to the ISL Act 2017 at the end of the page. It also covers issues such as who is responsible for advertising the availability of interpreters at events. To see our policy, scroll down to the 11<sup>th</sup> of June 2018 at <http://www.kerrydeaf.com/localnews/2018/june.html>

## THANK YOU TO STAFF, CUSTOMERS AND SUPPORTERS.

Before we close up for our holidays, we want to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported us in 2018. Each year brings its own unique challenges. We can only do this work with your incredible support and kindness. A special word of thanks to our team, our manager, staff & Board. We couldn't have done it without you. Happy Christmas & best wishes for 2019. See you all again when we return on the 7<sup>th</sup> of January at 10am.

