

## **7. Access to Justice**

BSL users will have fair and equal access to the civil, criminal and juvenile justice systems in Scotland. We would clarify that this would include BSL users as perpetrator, witness or victim.

For BSL users to participate in the justice system, they need to have ready access to BSL/English interpretation support to ensure that they understand the process from the point of arrest onwards. A range of organisations have a role to play in contributing to this, including Police Scotland, Scottish Court and Tribunal Services and the Scottish Prison Service. The actions below relate to Justice Social Work Services.

### **Actions areas**

- Explore what additional information and support interpreters might need around Edinburgh Justice Social Work Services.
- Review information about Edinburgh Justice Social Work Services to ensure that it is accessible to BSL users.
- Ensure that Justice Social Work Services colleagues know how to book interpreters when people using our services require an interpreter.