**Name of Project: Deafhope London**

**Lead: Signhealth**

**Case Study**

Emma, aged 29 years old is a single mother of two children. She came to our service in June 2019 as she needed support, advice and guidance and wasn’t really sure what to do.  She was in an abusive relationship since 2017 where she was physically abused in front of her children. The partner was very controlling where he stopped her seeing her friends and family and wouldn’t let her leave the house without knowing exactly where she was going.

Emma’s ex-partner had been refusing to leave their flat and was adamant that he was going to stay. “My ex-partner was refusing to leave the home, created so much stress for myself and my children. I was anxious, not knowing what to do.” Both Emma and her children were not happy with the perpetrator being around and were left feeling uncertain regarding what to do.

“With Deaf Hope’s support, I was able to get my ex-partner to leave the home and get my locks changed”

With our support, we went to Court in August and obtained a Non Molestation Order (NMO). The judge listened to her story and agreed that it was not safe for the perpetrator to stay at the same property with her and her children. After meeting the police the same day, the police served the order to the perpetrator. When he moved out, the locks were changed and she cut off all contact with her ex.

Emma is now in a much better place and both she and her children’s wellbeing have dramatically increased. Thankfully, Emma also undertook therapy which was beneficial for her. Everyone is much happier now and she is really grateful for DeafHope’s support.

“My children and I feel much better now that we are safe”

Her case was closed in September 2019.