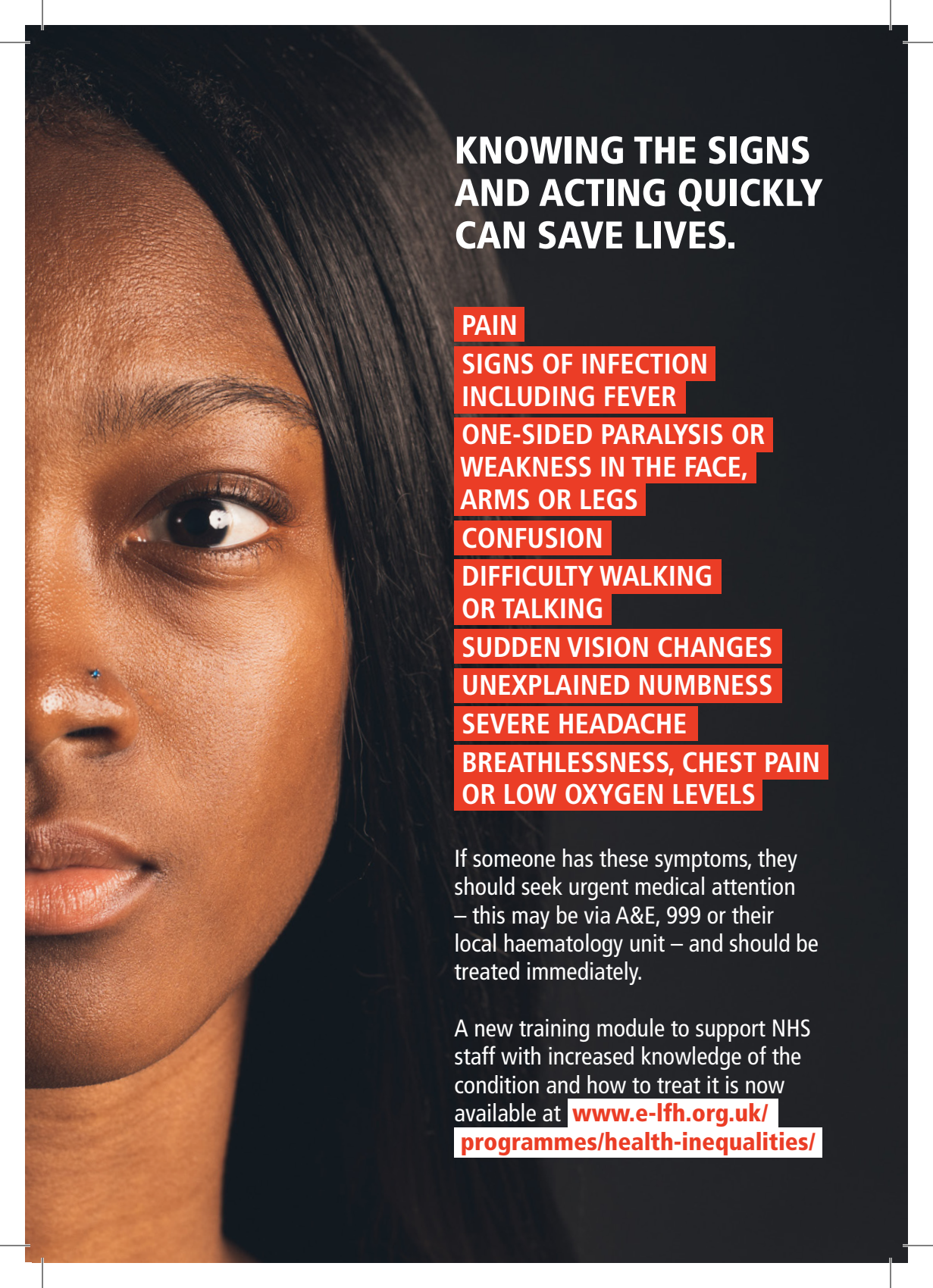




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# CAN YOU TELL IT'S SICKLE CELL?

SICKLE CELL IS AN  
INVISIBLE DISORDER BUT  
**SICKLE CELL CRISIS** CAN  
BE FATAL.



# KNOWING THE SIGNS AND ACTING QUICKLY CAN SAVE LIVES.

**PAIN**

**SIGNS OF INFECTION  
INCLUDING FEVER**

**ONE-SIDED PARALYSIS OR  
WEAKNESS IN THE FACE,  
ARMS OR LEGS**

**CONFUSION**

**DIFFICULTY WALKING  
OR TALKING**

**SUDDEN VISION CHANGES**

**UNEXPLAINED NUMBNESS**

**SEVERE HEADACHE**

**BREATHLESSNESS, CHEST PAIN  
OR LOW OXYGEN LEVELS**

If someone has these symptoms, they should seek urgent medical attention – this may be via A&E, 999 or their local haematology unit – and should be treated immediately.

A new training module to support NHS staff with increased knowledge of the condition and how to treat it is now available at [www.e-lfh.org.uk/](http://www.e-lfh.org.uk/)

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