



# Communication Matters – Research Matters: an AAC Evidence Base

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# Why research?

- *more information*
- *better services*
- *better lives*

*.....for people who use AAC*



# How did we get here?

- Strategy
- BLF opportunity



# Where are we now?

Funding £468k from BLF

Partners

Lead-in phase started Dec. 2009

Research project start date: 14 June 2010

End date: Spring 2013



We need you!





# What will this research deliver?

Picture of need across UK

Service map online

AAC evidence database online

Help for researchers to find participants

Information for decision makers



# How many people are using AAC?

How would you use information about the need for AAC?





# What are the routes to provision of AAC?

What pathways for provision can you identify?



# AAC evidence database

What do you use as sources of information?

How useful do you find them?

How accessible are they?

How reliable are they?



# Research participant service

What might encourage people to register as participants?



# Dissemination

Who should receive information about the project?



# The future

What other areas should  
Communication Matters try and  
commission research in?



***THANK YOU!***



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