Communication Matters’ Case study template and its relationship to ICF classification (WHO, 2001)

Note: The classification codes and cross references are offered as a guide but users of this guide are recommended to source the actual definition of each ICF code to determine its application to a particular participant. The full reference is supplied at the end of the document.

Sections of the case study template (*ICF codes are provided in brackets, where a suitable code is available*)

1. Biographical data
2. Personal story (case story) – participant generated content
3. Personal case study – participant selects from designated options and provides optional commentary
4. Ways you communicate

   Types of communication (*d3150, d3350 communicating with body language; d330 speaking; b320 articulation functions; e1521 AAC general; d3351 signs; d36008 communication devices; d3601 writing machines; d3602 communication techniques*)

   Ways of communicating at school/home/work/out and about (*e150 public building; e155 home*)

   Type of communication and conversational functions (*d350*)

   How long using AAC
5. What communication aid do you use

   How long

   What type

   Previous type/s and how long
6. Accessing the communication aid

Page/layout
Access method (b7 movement; d4 mobility; b675 involuntary movement; b670 voluntary control; d440 fine hand)

7. Seating and mounting systems

Seating (d410 position)

Locations

8. What prevents you using your aid in the way you want?

9. Who do you talk to when using your aid? (e410-499 attitudes of others)

10. Specialist AAC assessment

   Been assessed, when, how often

   Recommendations

   Funding and arrival of equipment

11. Describing your speech and communication

   Labels/descriptions

12. Specialist language and communication assessment

   Had one/when/by whom/

   What did it demonstrate: (b1670, d310 comprehension of language; b1671 expression of language; b16708 vocabulary comprehension; b16718 vocabulary expression; b117 general learning skills; d175 problem solving; b140 attention functions; b144 memory functions; D198 learning and applying knowledge)

   True reflection of your abilities

13. Social and emotional aspects of communication

   Label/description (b152 regulation and appropriateness of emotion)

14. Past, present and future

   Schooling and educational experiences

   Qualifications achieved

   Reading and spelling skills (d140)
15. Employment experiences

Where/what
Paid/voluntary
Recency

16. Living context

Type
Adaptations and support

17. Medical diagnoses *(suggest ICD-10 codes – see follow up references)*

Label *(b210/d110 vision; b230/d115 hearing)*
Recurring illness
Medications

18. Coping with pain *(b280-289)*

Presence *(b710 joints; b735 tone)*
Impact

**Follow up references:**

ICD-10 CM Diagnosis Codes: International Classification of Diseases – Medical Diagnosis Codes