



Communication Matters

Where Next for People with Cognitive Disabilities and Electronic Assistive Technology? Study Day



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In collaboration with The Children's Trust



This day will address the needs of people with cognitive disability and be suitable for both professionals & family members.

Costs: £65 members, £75 non-members and £40 family members.



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Booking and details:

www.communicationmatters.org.uk/page/study-days



Summary

Communication Matters, in collaboration with The Children's Trust, is delighted to present a new Study Day. The aim of this Study Day is to start a national discussion on how we can better assess and provide Electronic Assistive Technology for people with more significant learning disabilities.

It is easy to underestimate the importance of controlling a single function, or a small number of functions, but this can enable a person to experience increased independence, which they may not have in any other area of their life. The importance of developing the use of Electronic Assistive Technology with this group of people was highlighted in the Mansell report 2010 (https://www.mencap.org.uk/sites/default/files/2016-06/Raising_our_Sights_report.pdf).

This Study Day is about promoting access to 'Independent Control' as an area which requires exploration and, ultimately, national guidance. We would like to invite you to join us to start these discussions. The morning will comprise of presentations setting the scene and we will split into groups in the afternoon to discuss topics such as current best practice, guidance required, appropriate equipment (and what is missing).

Who is the study day aimed at?

The whole team!

- Parents and other family members
- Staff from both mainstream schools and specialist provision
- Health professionals including Speech and Language Therapists

Proposed learning outcomes:

Participants increasing awareness, understanding of and contribution to discussion around:

- Current local practice including gaps in service, difficulties in accessing services, lack of wide range of appropriate resources (both Tech and guidance) available
- Best practice and awareness of need for improvement/ change/ additional pathways to improve access to Electronic Assistive Technology for this client group
- Need to develop services and pathways for assessment/ provision/ implementation based on current good practice
- The next steps in terms of development of guidance relating to assessment of clients with significant cognitive impairment and Electronic Assistive Technology