

RESEARCH INVOLVEMENT NETWORK

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Taking part in research projects

Our Research Involvement Network is a list of people who are interested in taking part in **research**.

Research is where someone:

1. Gets information from people
2. Looks at the information so they understand it better
3. Thinks of new ways to do things
4. Writes a report

A **network** is a group of people who work together and keep in touch with each other.

Research about **AAC** helps the Government, the NHS and local councils to understand what services are needed.

AAC is used to mean many different ways to help someone communicate. It could be simple things like pointing, signing, writing or drawing. It could also be using a special device like a machine that 'speaks' words for you.

We want more AAC users and their families to get involved.
We want people of all ages.

What does it involve?

If you join the Research Network we will send you information about ways you can be involved in AAC research projects.

You can decide whether or not you wish to take part.

You can help research projects in many ways, for example:

- Completing a questionnaire
- Being interviewed about your experiences
- Giving advice to researchers

When you join the network, you give your permission for us to pass your contact details onto researchers.

We will never pass your details to anyone outside our research network without your permission.

Benefits of joining the network

By joining the network you will:

- Help other AAC users

- Receive information about AAC research projects
- Learn more about research
- Learn new skills
- Share your knowledge and experience of AAC
- Help to make things better for AAC users

How to join?

To join, simply download the form from the links below.

If you download the Microsoft Word version. You can complete this on your computer. You should then save it and email it to admin@communicationmatters.org.uk

If you download the PDF version, you will need to print it, and complete the printed version. You will have to post it back.

You can email us to send you an envelope with a stamp on it, so you do not have to pay anything.

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For more information about the Research Involvement Network, please email the Research Manager at admin@communicationmatters.org.uk