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# **Guy’s and St Thomas’ Assistive Communication Service**

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| **Acceptance Criteria**  An individual who is eligible to access a specialist Assistive Communication Service, (ACS) will have the following:   * A severe/complex communication difficulty associated with a range of physical, cognitive, learning, or sensory deficits * A clear discrepancy between their level of understanding and ability to speak   In addition, an individual *must*:   * Be able to understand the purpose of a communication aid * Have developed beyond cause and effect understanding   and should:   * Have experience of using low tech (Augmentative and Alternative Communication) AAC which is insufficient to enable them to realise their communicative potential   **Exclusion criteria**   * Not having achieved cause and effect understanding * Have impaired cognitive abilities that would prevent the user from retaining   information on how to use equipment   * Ability to use a standard touch screen or keyboard with literacy based software * Preverbal communication skills   **Please note: It is essential that a key community therapist is present throughout the assessment process, that they are able to provide regular support to the client, monitor the use of equipment and take part in the assessment review.** |

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like to discuss a patient prior to making a referral.

**ASSISTIVE COMMUNICATION SERVICE**

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