

Greater Manchester-wide criteria for
Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) Provision

Tuesday 3 July 2019

Registration opens at 12:30pm | 1:00pm – 4:00pm
Hollinwood Business Centre, Albert Street, Lancashire, OL8 3QL

Location/directions are available via the link below:

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Introduction

Following the recent I-ASC Conference event in Manchester disseminating initial findings by the I-ASC team led by Professor Janice Murray, commissioners of children's health and education services across Greater Manchester have become aware of the considerable variance in the eligibility criteria for AAC across the region for those children and young adults who do not/ do not yet meet NHSE specialised AAC service eligibility criteria.

Consequently, a paper has been accepted that commits to identifying the variance in local AAC eligibility criteria beyond the remit of Specialised commissioning in order to agree standardised eligibility across Greater Manchester for local AAC provision in the future.

Aims of the day

You are invited to attend this workshop to:

- assist in identifying met and unmet need for AAC in your area
- to assist in shaping the responses to the questions raised by Greater Manchester Commissioners in relation to the recent paper
- provide a multi-disciplinary view of AAC provision across Greater Manchester

In preparation for this event, we need you to send us any criteria you currently use when accepting a child/young person (up to 25 years of age) for AAC support/provision in your local area.

Please send any information you have to stephanie.roocroft@nhs.net by Friday June 14 2019. If you are unable to attend this event, we would be very grateful if you could share any eligibility criteria you use with us anyway.

Aimed at

NHS Speech & Language Therapists and Assistants, Teachers, Teaching Assistants in Greater Manchester schools, Occupational Therapists, Early Years services, Sensory and education support services, education and health service leads

Timings	Title	Presenter
12:30 – 1:00	Arrival and registration	
1:00 – 1:15	Welcome and aims of the day	Professor Janice Murray
1:15 – 1:30	Overview of the AAC paper	Anna Reeves
1:30 – 2:15	Summary of eligibility criteria feedback	Michelle Morris / Anna Reeves / Prof Janice Murray
2:15 – 2:30	Comfort break	
2:30 – 2:45	Multi-agency working across Greater Manchester	Anna Reeves
2:45 – 3:15	Data collection tool	Suzanne Martin – Ace Centre
3:15 – 3:50	Greater Manchester AAC care pathway discussion and next steps	All
3:50 – 4:00	Summary and close	Alison McGovern