RESEARCH

Here is some information about our research projects.

Research is when someone from a university looks into something and writes a report. Often they work with AAC users and their families when they look into ways people communicate.

We tell health services and other people about our research so that they can improve health and care services.

AAC evidence base research

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 ran a 3 year project with the University of Sheffield, Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust and Manchester Metropolitan University.

This project collected together all the correct information about AAC.

This correct information can now be used by people to improve services.

It can also help AAC users to campaign for better services.

[Download research project leaflet (pdf)](#)

Research Involvement Network

We have set up a network of AAC users who are happy to take part in research projects.

People from different universities can contact these people to help them with their work.

Our research policy

We support research that:

- Helps people understanding more about the need for AAC and support services

- Improves lives of AAC users

- Helps governments to understand more about what AAC users need

- Helps people, their families, professionals and supporters to understand more about communication

Working together

Sometimes Communication Matters runs its own research.

But we are happy to work with other people or organisations on research projects.

Our Board of Trustees look at how we work with other organisations.

If you want to work with Communication Matters, you should email admin@communicationmatters.org.uk