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The participant information and the consent form are both included in the survey link below.

Invitation from the University of Dundee

I am currently studying for an MSc in Educational Assistive Technology at the University of Dundee. For my dissertation project I am seeking to understand the thoughts and opinions of Speech and Language Therapists on the use of frameworks and models in AAC assessment and implementation, and their thoughts and views on the content, feasibility, and potential value of a new framework for AAC assessment and implementation.

What is the purpose of the research?

The research is being conducted to explore **Speech and Language Therapists' views** on a new framework for the assessment and implementation of Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC). The framework has been developed by the clinical team at AAC West of England Specialist Team (AAC WEST), with the involvement of the researcher. This project aims to undertake a preliminary evaluation of a novel framework for the assessment and implementation of AAC through exploring the perspectives, experiences and insights of Speech and Language Therapists working in the field.

Participation will involve completing a short survey, and if you are interested in participating further, joining a focus group. The survey will take approximately 15 minutes to complete and include watching a short video.

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Please note: 'Exploring Speech and Language Therapists' Views on a New Framework for AAC Assessment and Implementation' has received ethical approval from the University of Dundee's School Research Ethics Committee (UOD-SSREC-TPG-COMP-2025-028). Communication Matters is not responsible for any aspect of this research study.

Who is conducting the research?

This research is being conducted by Alice Wakefield who is a Masters student at the University of Dundee. The research is being conducted to fulfil the requirements for the following module: Educational Assistive Technology Dissertation. The Principal Researcher is Alice Wakefield who can be contacted at 2672297@dundee.ac.uk The project supervisor and co-investigator is Dr. Tom Griffiths who can be contacted at TGriffiths001@dundee.ac.uk.

The researcher is currently recruiting:

Practicing Speech and Language Therapists in England, to join a focus group to explore their views on a new framework for the assessment and implementation of Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC).

How to apply

To complete the survey please click this link:

[Exploring SLT's views on a new framework for AAC assessment and implementation – Fill in form](#)