

# Assessing for AAC – What, Why and How? – Webinar

## Summary

This webinar will cover all the elements of a comprehensive AAC assessment, including how to assess receptive language of people with complex access needs. The session will give an overview of I-ASC project and suggest resources to support your assessments.

## Objectives

- To outline the **key areas to consider as part of an AAC assessment**.
- To identify **what the goals** of an AAC assessment might be
- To suggest **resources** that may support an AAC assessment, including for AAC users with complex access
- To identify **when** it would be appropriate to refer to a Specialised AAC service

## Target Audience

Speech & Language Therapists / IPAACKS Level 3.

## Links

This is the link to the webinar:

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The following links are provided in the webinar, in this order:

### IPAACKS:

[ipaacks.pdf \(aacscotland.org.uk\)](https://ipaacks.pdf(aacscotland.org.uk))

### BAT Guide to Assessing for AAC and Referring onto the Specialised Service:

<https://www.barnsleyhospital.nhs.uk/assistive-technology/files/2020/03/Assessing-for-AAC-and-referring-on-to-the-Specialised-Service.pdf>

### I-ASC:

<https://iasc.mmu.ac.uk/>

### Pragmatics Profile for people who use AAC:

<https://aclanguelab.com/materials/pragmaticsprofileforaacprintfilllockedaspdf.pdf>

### Elklan:

[https://www.elklan.co.uk/Training/Practitioners/Supporting\\_Children\\_and\\_Adults\\_using\\_AAC](https://www.elklan.co.uk/Training/Practitioners/Supporting_Children_and_Adults_using_AAC)

### AAC Assessment Checklist:

<https://my.vanderbilt.edu/specialeducationinduction/files/2011/09/IA.AAC-assessment-checklist1.docx>

**Communication Matrix:**

<https://communicationmatrix.org/>

**I-ASC - About Me:**

Blank: <https://iasc.mmu.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/I-ASC-About-me-blank.pdf>

Example: <https://iasc.mmu.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/I-ASC-About-me-example.pdf>

**I-ASC - AAC log:**

Blank <https://iasc.mmu.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/I-ASC-AAC-Log-blank.pdf>

Example <https://iasc.mmu.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/I-ASC-AAC-Log-example.pdf>

**Talking Mats:**

<https://www.talkingmats.com/>

**BAT Means, Reasons and Opportunities Resources:**

<https://www.barnsleyhospital.nhs.uk/assistive-technology/resource/means-reasons-opportunities-aac/>

**Kurmanaviciute and Stadskleiv Article:**

[Assessment of verbal comprehension and non-verbal reasoning when standard response mode is challenging: A comparison of different response modes and an exploration of their clinical usefulness](#)

**CARLA:**

<https://www.jabbla.co.uk/vocab/carla/>

**PRACTICAL AAC Blog – Getting to Yes:**

<https://practicalaac.org/practical/getting-to-yes/>

**PRACTICAL AAC Blog – Standardised Tests for AAC Users:**

<https://practicalaac.org/practical/aac-assessment-corner-with-vicki-clarke-standardized-tests-for-aac-users/>

**Eye Pointing Classification Scale:**

<https://redcap.slms.ucl.ac.uk/surveys/?s=PRHKP773EN>

**ACETS checklist**

[https://cpb-ca-c1.wpmucdn.com/learningnetwork.setbc.org/dist/8/857/files/2019/02/ACETS Eye Gaze Screening-tkjqmq.pdf](https://cpb-ca-c1.wpmucdn.com/learningnetwork.setbc.org/dist/8/857/files/2019/02/ACETS_Eye_Gaze_Screening-tkjqmq.pdf)

**Frenchay AAC Screening Tool:**

<https://www.logan-technologies.co.uk/frenchay-screening-tool-aac>

**AAC Genie App:**

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/aac-evaluation-genie/id541418407>

**I-ASC - Blank Mind Map:**

<https://iasc.mmu.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/I-ASC-Mind-map-blank.pdf>

**I-ASC - How to use the mind map resource:**

<https://iasc.mmu.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/I-ASC-How-to-use-the-mindmap-resource.pdf>

**I-ASC - Blank Spidergram:**

<https://iasc.mmu.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/I-ASC-Spidergram-blank.pdf>

**I-ASC - How to use the spidergram resource:**

<https://iasc.mmu.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/I-ASC-How-to-use-the-spidergram-resource.pdf>

**ACE Centre - Symbol Charts:**

<https://acecentre.org.uk/product-category/symbol-charts/>

**ACE Centre - Alphabet Charts:**

<https://acecentre.org.uk/product-category/alphabet-charts/>

**ACE Centre - Speakbook:**

<https://acecentre.org.uk/resources/speakbook/>

**ACE Centre - Look2Talk:**

<https://acecentre.org.uk/resources/look2talk/>

**Inclusive Technology – Switch Adapted Toys:**

<http://www.inclusive.co.uk/hardware/switch-adapted-toys>

**Inclusive Technology – Switch Progression Road Map:**

<http://www.inclusive.co.uk/Lib/Doc/pubs/switch-progression-road-map.pdf>

**Help Kidz Learn:**

<https://www.helpkidzlearn.com/>

**Go Talk Now App – Lite:**

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/gotalk-now-lite/id953164338>

**Go Talk Now App – Full:**

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/gotalk-now/id454176457>

**Let Me Talk App:**

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/letmetalk/id919990138>

**SymboTalk App – Apple:**

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/symbotalk-aac-talker/id1294023783>

**SymboTalk App – Android:**

[https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.elelad.comboard&hl=en\\_GB&gl=US](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.elelad.comboard&hl=en_GB&gl=US)

**Keyguards:**

<https://www.logan-technologies.co.uk/ipad-keyguards>

**Smartbox – Look to Learn:**

<https://thinksmartbox.com/product/look-to-learn/>

**Inclusive Technology – Mounting:**

<http://www.inclusive.co.uk/hardware/mounting-options>

**Mounts and More:**

<https://www.aacmounts.com/>

**I-ASC – Reflexes and Communication:**

<https://iasc.mmu.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/I-ASC-Reflexes-and-communication.pdf>

**Inclusive Technology – iPad Apps:**

<http://www.inclusive.co.uk/apps>

**I-ASC Pre-Assessment Reflective Cycle:**

<https://iasc.mmu.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/I-ASC-pre-assessment-reflective-cycle.pdf>

**I-ASC: Choosing Roles in AAC Decision-making and Implementation:**

<https://iasc.mmu.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/I-ASC-Choosing-roles-in-AAC-decision-making-and-implementation.pdf>

**I-ASC Communication System Recommendation Reflective Practice Checklist:**

<https://iasc.mmu.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/I-ASC-Communication-system-recommendation-reflective-practice-checklist.pdf>

**I-ASC Communication System Trial Plan:**

<https://iasc.mmu.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/I-ASC-Communication-system-trial-plan.pdf>

**I-ASC Communication System Trial Evaluation:**

<https://iasc.mmu.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/I-ASC-Communication-system-trial-evaluation.pdf>

**I-ASC Communication Aid Maintenance and Backup Plan:**

<https://iasc.mmu.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/I-ASC-Communication-aid-maintenance-and-backup-plan.pdf>

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**NHS England Guide for Commissioning AAC Services and Equipment:**

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/commissioning/wp-content/uploads/sites/12/2016/03/guid-comms-aac.pdf>

**NHS England AAC Service Specifications:**

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/commissioning/wp-content/uploads/sites/12/2016/03/aac-serv-spec-jan-2016.pdf>

**Local AAC Services Commissioning Toolkit:**

<https://localaactools.co.uk/>

**Other Useful Resources:****Resources Developed for Local Services:**

<https://www.barnsleyhospital.nhs.uk/assistive-technology/resource/local-services-resource-pack/>  
<https://www.barnsleyhospital.nhs.uk/assistive-technology/resource/paper-based-low-tech-aac-a-guide/>

**Communication Boards/Books:**

<http://acecentre.org.uk/developing-and-using-a-communication-book1>

**Powered Communication Aids:**

<http://www.callscotland.org.uk/information/communication-aids/>

**Communication Passports:**

<http://www.callscotland.org.uk/Resources/Quick-Guides/Communication-Passports/>  
<http://www.communicationpassports.org.uk/Creating-Passports/Templates/>

**General:**

<http://www.communicationmatters.org.uk/>

**Blog:**

<http://praacticalaac.org/>

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**Blog:** [www.barnsleyat.wordpress.com](http://www.barnsleyat.wordpress.com)

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