

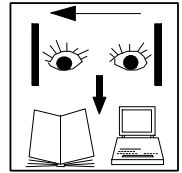
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# Communication Profile for People with Severe Visual Impairment and Additional Disabilities

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This Profile is designed to overcome many of the difficulties encountered when presenting information to professionals about levels of communication in a developmentally young child with severe visual impairment and additional disabilities. It provides a comprehensive description of the individual's communication skills, and can be used with adults as well as children. Its uniqueness lies in the specific focus upon people with visual impairment and additional disabilities, rather than being an adaptation of instruments primarily designed to target other disability groups.

The Profile is expressed in the first person, as if it has been written by the individual. It consists of a computer file menu. Items which do not apply to the person are deleted; those that do are personalised by the person completing it. There are six sections covering:

- 1 A summary of how to support the individual
- 2 Communication in different situations
- 3 Interaction with others
- 4 Receptive communication
- 5 The meanings communicated
- 6 Expressive communication.

Pack contents include: an introductory description, outlining the Profile's origins and development; guidance notes for users; a print version of the Profile which users may photocopy; and a completed example. A CD-ROM is supplied in the pack. This contains a down-loadable version of the Profile menu for users to copy, use and adapt.

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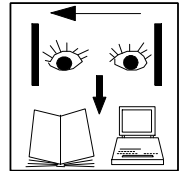
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