

What do people say about communication passports?

“It has made a huge difference to John’s life. He is now given choices and all staff can communicate with him.”

“It has given Jaz his own identity.”

“I have a lot of people supporting me and it saves me having to say all the time about my communication difficulties.”

“When a new person meets Sam, they should read the communication passport so they know what to expect.”

How do I find out more?

If you would like to find out more about communication passports, you can speak to:



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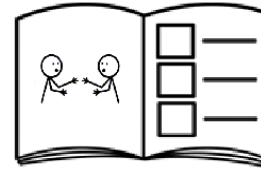


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Communication Passports

Are you a parent or carer of someone with a learning disability?

Do you work with someone who has a learning disability?

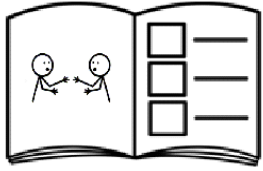
Could this be you?

I am fed up with telling people how John communicates.

I worry that others will not understand my son when he goes somewhere new.

When we go to see the doctor, he talks to me and not my daughter.

We disagree about the best ways to communicate with Nisha.



You need a communication passport

What is a communication passport?

A communication passport tells you the best ways to communicate with someone.

For some people their communication passport is a short booklet with photos and writing. For some people it might be a DVD you can watch or a CD you can listen to.


Putting together a communication passport will enable you to:


- Record what you already know about how the person communicates.
- find out more about the person's communication.
- agree the best ways to communicate together.
- share this with other people.

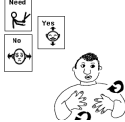
What does a communication passport look like?


Everyone's communication passport is different. A communication passport usually contains information about:


 Seeing.

 Hearing.

 Spending time together.

 How I communicate.

 How and when to give me information.

 All about me

See this example page...

How Jo communicates

- Jo communicates using gestures, facial expressions and sounds.
- If Jo takes off her shoes and plays with them, it usually means she is bored. Offer her something else to do or sit with her for a while.