

Welcome to ACE Centre North Network Day

1st December, 2011

Other ways of speaking

- An introduction to AAC
- Produced in partnership by The Communication Trust, 1Voice, ACE Centre North, ACE Centre South, Communication Matters, The Makaton Charity, Scope and Signalong
- Available to order or download:
- <http://www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/publications.aspx>

AAC Awareness Month

- ‘Yellow hands’ launched at Communication Matters Conference
- <http://www.communicationmatters.org.uk/news-item/2011-aac-awareness-month-wave-hello-photographs>
- TCT Parliamentary event
- ‘I’ll be asking the questions’ competition

When Dan met Andy



New Bridge School

National Standard for AAC services

- Developed by Communication Matters
- Includes:
 - Quality Standard for Commissioners
 - AAC Services Standard
 - AAC Services Standard: Statements
- <http://www.communicationmatters.org.uk/page/resources/national-standards-aac-services>

Model of AAC provision for the future

- The Communication Champion has commissioned proposals for a new model in light of NHS commissioning reform
- Hub and spoke model of AAC provision with funding for high tech AAC and specialist services to be met by specialised health commissioning arrangements
- Hubs will be aligned with the new NHS Clusters
- Hubs will work with local services and administer long term loan of high tech AAC

Model of AAC provision for the future (cont'd.)

- Proposal for implementation of recommendations is April 2013
- Parliamentary debate has been balloted to discuss current AAC provision
- Contact your MP when this debate is announced and ask them to attend

Programme for the day

10.00 Language Acquisition through Motor Planning: Andrea McGuinness and Hayley Power

11.00 Coffee

11.30 What's New?

12.30 pm – 1.30 pm Lunch

1.30 pm – 2.30 pm Grace App: Lisa Domican

2.30 – 3.30 pm: Workshops

(A) The switch skills road map: Ian Bean

(B) Using signs and symbols to promote language development: Liz Beattie

3.30 pm Finish