



Communication passport

A communication passport is a way of supporting a person with communication difficulties across transitions. It draws together the important information into a practical and person-centred approach. This enables the provision of a clear, positive and consistent approach when supporting the individual, so that they can communicate, learn and develop to the best of their ability.

A Communication Passport does this by:

- Describing the person's preferred method of communication in order to facilitate effective interactions
- Drawing information from the past and present, from many people who know the individual and from different contexts, to help understand the person and to encourage successful interactions.
- Provide a place for the person's own views and preferences to be recorded and drawn to the attention of others
- Place equal value on the views of those who know the individual
- Presenting the person positively as an individual, not as a list of disabilities and difficulties

Passports should be personalised for the individual and the following could be contained:

- All about me
- You need to know
- My Family
- My Friends
- Special people, special things
- Things I like to talk about
- How I communicate
- You can help me communicate
- Fun things I like to do
- Places I like going
- Things I don't like
- I'm working on this...
- Help!
- Eating and Drinking
- What's my eyesight like
- What's my hearing like

A sample communication passport form with a green border. At the top, a blue banner reads "This is my Communication Passport". Below this, there are two white boxes: one on the left says "Please place your photo here" and one on the right says "Hello. My name is:". Below the name box is another white box that says "I like to be called:". At the bottom, a pink banner reads "Please read! My communication passport will tell you the best way to communicate with me." Below the pink banner are two white boxes for "To be reviewed on:" and "Date reviewed:". The form is set against a background of a colorful, abstract pattern.