I love my device because I can say pretty anything to everyone Over the years I have been on a good number of committees including being a school governor for a special school and a trustee for a local sport and activity club. I started using a communication device which opened up a new world for me including being able to speak to my family over the phone and telling them what I had been doing

it was good I started going to Supermarket without no-one I have been given the opportunity to be a role model for other AAC users.

(At a party) I have an Uncle who tipped my wheelchair on its back with me in it having a joke. When I got back up I could get my communication device and give my Uncle some cheek which everyone heard.

Over the years I have had to interview for support staff to assist me to live independently, to be a part of an interviewing panel for a head teacher for a school and help with interviewing for a fellow colleague on a research project. Young adults who use AAC told us the difference using a communication aid has made in their lives

Having a communication device has meant that I can talk in meetings, express my views and chair a meeting

> I run my Charityso I need good computer to talk

I often get bits of shopping from town by myself and I have my communication device so that I can speak to the shop assistants if I require help.

I would not be able to

communicate with

others, share my ideas,

express my opinions and

form new friendships.

Co-presenting training workshops on communication devices and giving talks actually about being an AAC user.

I have been given employment opportunities both paid work and also in a

volunteer role

I have done one-to-one coaching sessions

It is good (having it on my chair) because when I am moving I can still talk I like size because I can put it on table when I eat

I believe that I couldn't do things like this without my communication device.