

Instructions:

How to use a communication board

What is a communication board?

A communication board is a communication aid that might be used by someone who is non-speaking, or if they benefit from using visuals to support their communication for any reason. The user can communicate their message by selecting the picture which represents their message.

It is important to find out as much information as you can about a person's communication abilities and preferences before introducing a communication aid.

This package consists of **6 sets** of visuals. These relate to different topics and include an alphabet and number chart.

How to use a communication board:

- Place the board on a flat surface in front of the person.
Ask the person to select their message.
- If they are unable to point to the board, ask them if they would like to use the scanning method. This is where you point to a row of messages and ask "is your message in this row?". If they indicate yes, work through the messages in that row, asking "is this your message?" until you get to it. If they say no, move to the next row of messages, and so on. You can say each message aloud as you work through them if that is helpful for the person.
- Check with the person that you have gotten the message right by repeating it back to them.
- Note that the person's message may not be on the board, and you may have to try another method to work out their message.
- The alphabet and number chart can be used if the person has literacy skills. They can use this to spell out their message letter by letter. They might use it if their message is not on the communication board, or to clarify or add information.

People

NURSE



DOCTOR



DIETITIAN



ALLIED HEALTH



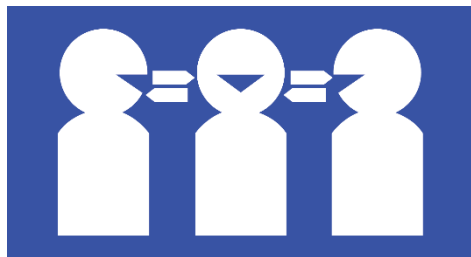
PHARMACIST



PSYCHIATRIST



INTERPRETER



AUSLAN



SOMEONE ELSE



Daily living

TOILET



COMMODOE



CONTINENCE AID



SUCTION



MOUTH CARE



SHOWER



PHONE



WHEELCHAIR



WALKING FRAME



CHECK WOUND



MEDICATION



HEARING AMPLIFIER



Food and Drink

COFFEE



TEA



MILK



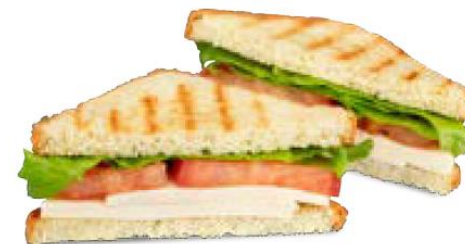
SUGAR



WATER



SANDWICHES



I AM HUNGRY



I AM THIRSTY



SOMETHING ELSE



Environment

LIGHTS ON/OFF



HOT



COLD



BED UP



BED DOWN



AIR MATTRESS



PILLOW



BLANKET



CURTAINS



Procedures

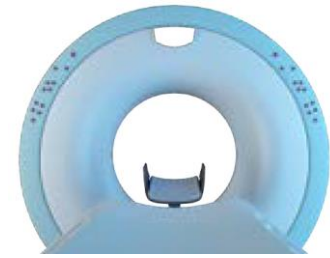
BLOODS



X-RAY



CT SCAN



COVID TEST



TROUBLE BREATHING



PAIN



YES

I'm not sure

NO

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0

Q W E R T Y U I O P

A S D F G H J K L

Z X C V B N M ?

It starts with...

SPACE

I made a mistake