

Awareness of communication difficulties post stroke

Colour Key:

SLT
MDT/support service
SLT/MDT/support services collaboration
Environment

Referral to SLT

Information gathering - Goal discussion - Assessment.

Differential diagnosis:

- Aphasia (+/-)
- Dysarthria (+/-)
- Cognitive communication issues (+/-)

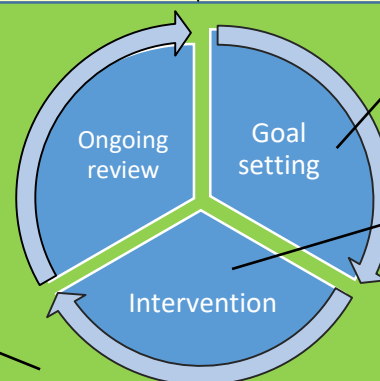
- Initial provision of accessible, personalised information to individual and family
- Signposting/referral to other relevant services and support

Goals should:

- Be patient centred
- Be asset based
- Promote self-management
- Utilise advocacy/supported decision-making when appropriate
- Be regularly reviewed and revised
- Involve outcome measures when appropriate
- Determine frequency and intensity of intervention
- Support discharge process with open re-referral to SLT if new goals identified

MDT/support services able to provide:

- Supported communication
- Accessible information
- Support for communication goals
- Support for person living with long-term communication difficulties and their families



SLT/MDT/Stroke support services collaboration.
Training, support, information, joint working

Individualised programme based on evidence based practice and with access to:

- Individual and/or group therapy
- Impairment and/or functional based therapy
- Intensive therapy programmes
- Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC)
- Computer-based therapy
- Telerehabilitation
- Conversation partner training
- Support for living with long-term communication difficulties
- Facilitating return to work/participation in leisure activities.

Communication accessible environments in healthcare and social settings