**Communication Aid Service (CAS) Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria Matrix**

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| **Exclusion criteria** | **Yes** | **Inclusion criteria** | **Yes** |
| Preverbal communication skills |[ ]  Clear discrepancy between level of understanding and ability to speak |[ ]
| Not achieved communicative cause and effect understanding |[ ]  Be able to understand the purpose of a communication aid |[ ]
| Impaired cognitive abilities which would prevent user from retaining information on how to use equipment |[ ]  May have experience of using low-tech AAC which is insufficient to realise their communicative potential |[ ]
|  |  | Able to consistently use AAC to successfully communicate choicesANDis moving beyond basic choice making and would benefit from a larger variety of symbols for increased communicative functions |[ ]
|  |  | Demonstrates an ability to learn a multi-page system |[ ]
|  |  | Demonstrates communicative intent |[ ]
| **Any ‘yes’ responses in this section indicate that a CAS referral is not appropriate** |  | **All need to have ‘yes’ response before referring to CAS** |  |

Voice amplifier requests are not subject to the above.