

# Specialist Communication, Access & Mobility Potential (SCAMP) Clinic

## Introduction

This multi-professional service is for children and young adults who have complex medical and physical needs requiring assessment or a review of how they use electronic assistive technology. This could include communication aids, powered mobility or computers.

## About the clinic

### Who can attend this clinic?

Children and young adults under the age of 19 (at time of referral). For adults over the age of 19 funding will need to be agreed.

### Why choose to come to a SCAMP Clinic?

- To access specialist knowledge and expertise in the area of electronic assistive technology
- To enable you to achieve your full potential
- To support your local team

### Who can refer me to the clinic?

Your GP, local therapist or other professionals

### How often are the clinics?

SCAMP assessments are held once a month on Monday through to Wednesday morning.



## About the appointment

### How long is the appointment?

The assessment takes place over 2-2 ½ days. It starts on Monday morning and the length of the appointments depends on the complexity of the issues under discussion. The timetable for each day is governed by when you want to take breaks and what activities are under discussion.

### Who will I meet?

At the assessment you will meet:

- Consultant Clinical Engineer, Lead Clinician
- Occupational Therapist
- Speech and Language Therapist
- Consultant Paediatrician\*
- Physiotherapist\*
- Rehabilitation Engineer

\*these people will only be present on the first morning

Members of your local team are invited to attend some or all of the assessment. Your appointment letter will give more details about how to let us know who is going to attend.

### What to bring to the Clinic?

It is important that you bring any equipment related to using your current method of accessing technology including any seating or possibly lying or standing equipment. Favourite toys, CD's are useful as are any switches or joysticks or other access systems you are currently using.

We will ask for copies of recent reports from your local team before the assessment.

### What will happen in the clinic?

The assessment starts with looking at your posture and the postural equipment you are using. During this time you will have an opportunity to talk about your expectations from the assessment as a whole and any on-going concerns you may have regarding posture, mobility and accessing technology.

Any equipment you are currently using will then be discussed and you will be encouraged to describe any problems or difficulties as well as benefits. It is important for the team to know where this equipment is used and for how long.

With your agreement the team will take photos of you using your equipment as a record. These photos are kept in the clinical notes and used for reference only.



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At the end of the morning we will discuss our findings with you and make recommendations.

We may need to set up alternative seating to use during the rest of the assessment as we need to ensure that you are sitting comfortably in a position which allows you to use your head, arms or hands to the best of your ability.

The rest of the time is arranged to suit your needs. A typical example would be in the afternoon we explore your current access methods with you and possibly try other options if there is a problem.

On Tuesday morning there will be the opportunity to meet the speech and language therapist and you can discuss any concerns about communication. We may try using a communication aid or a communication book to make choices. Next we may look at how you access a computer and the types of activities you enjoy and whether this can be made easier using different software.

Alternatively we may look at powered mobility and review any problems with this activity.



The final morning is usually set aside to look at an activity again so if you did not feel like trying it earlier in the week you have another opportunity.

We then discuss the assessment and recap on all that we have talked about such as changes in equipment, ways of trying new activities and discuss with you what will go in the report. A distribution list for the report is also agreed with you.

### What happens after the clinic?

A report will be sent to you, your GP, the referrer and anyone else that you may wish. We aim to provide you with this approximately four to six weeks after the clinic.

The report will provide you with a record of the assessment and recommendations that have been made. Any equipment used will be listed with contact details. Also any special information you have asked for e.g. how to set up a home computer using alternative access methods will also be included.

When you receive the report, if you or your local team want more information you are welcome to contact the clinic secretary

### What happens if I require a new appointment?

A new referral will be required if you need to attend the SCAMP assessment again.

Any recommended equipment is not funded or supplied through the clinic as it is assessment only.

## We're here to help

We're always happy to answer any queries that you may have.

If you have any queries at all, please contact the clinic secretary on:



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