**Electronic Text-based AAC**

**Resource Comparison Chart**

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|  |  | Resource name: | Resource name: | Resource name: |
| Appearance | * Onscreen keyboard or physical keyboard * Keyboard only or keyboard plus whole words * Screen/overall size * Message bar? Change size etc * Text: size, font, colour, contrast |  |  |  |
| Keyboard layout | QWERTY , ABC, Frequency, AEIOU |  |  |  |
| Word prediction | Does the prediction learn your words?  How many cells are allocated to word prediction on the screen? |  |  |  |
|  |  | Resource name: | Resource name: | Resource name: |
| Sentence prediction | Does the software learn as you type?  Can this be switched off/ private mode? |  |  |  |
| Abbreviation Expansions /  Letter codes | Is this feature available?  How user-friendly is the process? |  |  |  |
| Phrase banking | Can it be personalised?  Can category headings be changed?  How user-friendly is the process of saving messages?  How do you access these from the keyboard page? |  |  |  |
| Voice options | Voice quality, female/male, accent options  Does it support any files your client may have e.g. banked phrases? Or voice banking files?  Speak while typing? Characters, words, sentences  Pronunciation exceptions? How easy is it to add/ change these. |  |  |  |
|  |  | Resource name: | Resource name: | Resource name: |
| Conversation control | Does the system include an option for ‘Hold the floor’ / ‘Quick Talk’ / saved phrases that can be spoken without interfering with what you are typing.  Can you pause while speaking?  Can you swap between two conversations (quickly save a message part way through and retrieve it)  Can you access your ‘chat history’ or undo a message you’ve deleted? |  |  |  |
| Integrated controls | Does the system integrate with:  Text? Email? Social media? |  |  |  |
| Access | How the person will access the resource  e.g will they use their fingers to type or will they use an alternative access method? Where will the device be positioned? On their knee, a table, a stand?  What are the different places/ positions the person will be in when using the device? |  |  |  |