

A Guide to using the Communication Aid to Capacity Evaluation - CACE

The manual was specifically designed by a Canadian in regard to assessing capacity for decision making about living in a long-term care home. The terminology used throughout therefore requires adapting in order to reflect a UK version and be fit for purpose.

For the purpose of the tool kit a version of the communication aid has been adapted.

The full introduction and guidance for using the tool is explained on the website

<https://www.aphasia.ca/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/Communication-Aid-to-Capacity-Evaluation-CACE.pdf>

The assessment tool can be adapted with people who have communication difficulties or barriers and provides a visual aid which promotes individuals understanding and inclusion within an assessment of their needs and/or their ability to risk assess situations requiring exploring to ensure they are able to make informed decisions about where they may live.

The tool provides an opportunity to explore the individual's ability to understand, retain and weigh up information relevant to the decision and be able to communicate their decision.

The picture cards should be used in conjunction with the yes, no and don't know cards.

The scale card should be used alongside the daily living tasks in order to establish the amount of support the person thinks they require.