## **AAC User Profile**

Name: Adrian Age: 42 years old

Location: Gloucestershire



Here is the story of my son Adrian who has been using a Liberator AAC Device since 1991 when he was seventeen. He was awarded a place at Portland College to learn how to use it and started a three year course there in September 1991.

Before he went we did some fund raising and raised enough money to buy him a Touch Talker which was arranged by SEQUAL. At first it had with a very robotic voice but then Dectalk arrived and with it the voice of "Perfect Paul" – which he has been using ever since.



During his three years at Portland College Adrian learnt to use the MAP – LLL (Language Learning and Living) and has been using it ever since.

In 1999 when Adrian was 25 he thought he would like to have a Delta Talker and so we fund raised again and in January 2000 it arrived. It is always with him and so everyone accepts that this is Adrian's means of communication.

Examples of this are everyday use in his Residential Home, at his Day Centre three days a week and nearly every week at Church and of course everywhere else he goes in his daily life. It has also travelled to Lourdes four times, to Tenerife twice and to Majorca once.



Many of the Liberator Staff will know about Adrian, particularly Kumba. They will also know that he has just had a new Accent 1400 funded by the Communication Aids Service - so his connection with you is continuing.

I would just like to finish by saying that in all the 25 years we have been dealing with you we have always had such helpful and caring service which has ensured that Adrian has been able to communicate with so many people and have such a great degree of independence in his life.