South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership recognises the added clinical, social and, on occasion, educational gain which can be derived by the provision of communication equipment.

To this end, there is a well utilised format for requesting and, where appropriate, providing voice equipment for a range of service users.

This equipment is increasingly accessible utilising routinely available packages, e.g. via software packages on tablet applications as opposed to requiring the previous level of bespoke high tech communication aids, 'lite-writers' etc.

We would not envisage any significant change to the current level of service provision from the proposals contained within the 'Stage 2 Amendment on the provision of voice equipment.'