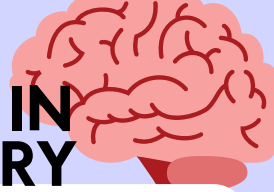


SUPPORTING COMMUNICATION IN SEVERE BRAIN INJURY



Is the client showing signs of communication?

- Are they reaching out?
- Are they elevating their finger slightly?
- Can you see foot tapping?
- Are there any head movements?
- Any voice sounds?
- Any eye movements?
- Ability to smile or grimace?

How to support the above signs...

- Present a choice of 2 pictures or objects
- Can they point to a selection with their finger?
- Can they tap their foot once for yes or twice for no?
- Can they head nod or shake?
- Can they look at one object more than the other (eye point)?
- Are they making certain sounds towards the object/picture?

Are their responses reliable?

- Arrange an assessment with a Speech and Language therapist to double check and....
- To ensure the client can recognise objects and pictures
- To ensure they are happy with their selection
- To ensure appropriate consent
- To check understanding/comprehension

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