

WHEELS IN MOTION – AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY

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Short Abstract

My name is Laura; I have Cerebral Palsy. Through my autobiography I hope to represent other people who have Complex Communication Needs. A main aim of writing my story is to show people that being non-verbal doesn't automatically mean you have an intellectual disability. I hope my story offers hope to families of people with Complex Communication Needs.

My name is Laura. I have Cerebral Palsy, which includes having Complex Communication Needs. I have written my autobiography

I'm a 27 year old woman with a physical disability who has Complex Communication Needs. Physically, I have very little function that is useful, but my intellect is intact. Being non-verbal has been the most frustrating aspect of my life. I believe I have had a very fortunate and fulfilling life despite my disability. I always try to make the most of every opportunity that comes my way. I have written my autobiography which is called "Wheels in Motion".

SENARIO

Having Complex Communication Needs and poor fine motor skills, means I cannot answer the phone or dial a number to make a phone call. I have solved the problem to a degree, in that I have a phone with loud speaker and rely on a carer to assist me. At least this allows me to listen to the conversation, and then I can either use my computer or communication board to respond via a third party. The voice on my computer is not clear enough to be relayed through the microphone on the phone. Not being able to use the phone independently is frustrating, especially because I cannot have private phone calls.

QUESTIONS

What consumer information is available in regard to speaker phones? It can be hit and miss purchasing these phones, only to find out that it has either a poor quality speaker and/or microphone. It would be helpful if you could access independent information on different types of speaker phones to assist in the purchase decision.