

# **West Midlands AAC Care Pathway**

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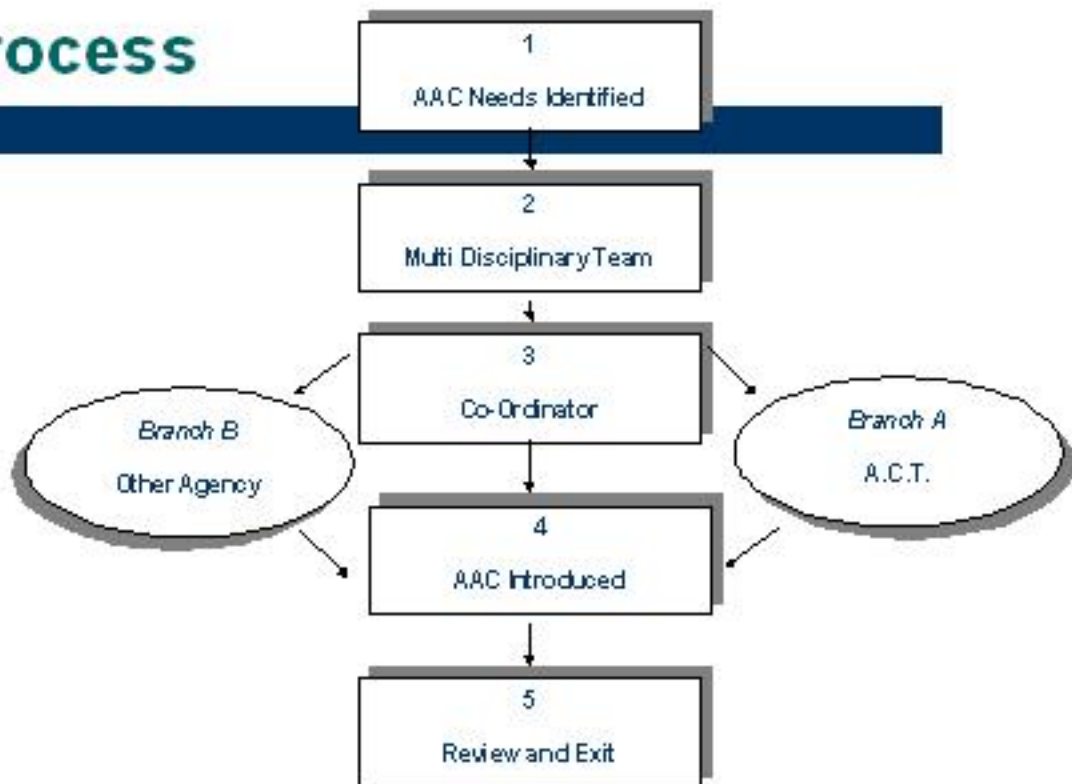
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## Documentation – Version 3

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- Assessment document
- Documentation guide

# Process



## Aims

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- Promote local AAC work
- Provide a structure to AAC assessment
- Provide an equity of service
- Provide a standard baseline of information at tertiary level assessment
- Set a standard of good practice

## Criteria for use

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- Not well developed criteria but:
- Where a high tech VOCA may be indicated
- Where clients needs are complex
- Where referral to ACT is a possibility

## Availability and access

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- Freely available
- Circulated round all West Midlands SLT depts
- On website at

[www.actwmids.nhs.uk](http://www.actwmids.nhs.uk)

## Multi-disciplinary Working

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- Build a local team
- Use existing local team
- Empowers local team in working with ACT staff

## Process

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- Work done over a period of time
- Assessment
- Implementation
- Review
- Recording of variances from the care pathway



## Audit

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- No formal audit done
- Approximately 50% of clients referred on to ACT

## Pathway Documentation

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- Registration form
- Personal details
- Background information
- Communication
- Use of language
- Understanding of language
- Equipment and positioning

## Pathway Documentation

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- AAC environment
- Multi-disciplinary team members
- Co-ordinator
- Actions and outcomes
- Request for support
- Implementation
- Variances
- Review form

## Documentation Guide

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- This gives detailed information on how to complete and use the Pathway documentation.
- Includes a short section on strategies for implementing AAC, and sign posting to resources.
- This section requires further development.