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**Overview**

This standard covers the identification and selection of assistive devices to meet an individual's needs. It includes agreement with individuals and their carers on the selection and preparation of a specification or an intervention. It may also include working with others to plan or modify the specification or intervention. Users of this standard will need to ensure that practice reflects up to date information and policies.

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**Performance  
criteria**

- You must be able to:
- P1 confirm the results of the individual's assessment, correctly interpret data and confirm objectives for proposed assistive device
  - P2 investigate and evaluate possible options for the required assistive device or technology and determine relevance, suitability and risks of each to individual needs
  - P3 generate a range of suitable options, clearly differentiating between appropriate and inappropriate factors for each option
  - P4 prioritise and weight options against needs, availability, cost and user/carer preferences to establish a recommendation
  - P5 review options and recommendations with the individual and their carers
  - P6 agree, with the individual and their carers, the optimum specification of assistive device or technology, taking account of all factors and risks affecting use and effectiveness
  - P7 select a specification or a device which meets the individual's needs, including agreement of trial periods and reviews
  - P8 clearly define those aspects of the specification which relate to modification or adaptation of existing devices or technology in accordance with manufacturer's guidelines
  - P9 monitor and liaise effectively with all individuals or agencies involved in the process
  - P10 maintain full, accurate and legible records of information collected in line with current legislation, guidelines, policies and protocols

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**Knowledge and understanding**

**You need to know and understand:**

- K1 the current national legislation, guidelines and local policies and protocols which affect your work practice
- K2 how to communicate effectively in the appropriate manner to meet the individual's needs and preferences
- K3 how to work effectively as a member of a multi-disciplinary team and across different agencies
- K4 how to assess risks to the individual and their needs relating to the selection of the assistive device or technology
- K5 the range of relevant assistive devices or technology, their capabilities and limitations and general availability
- K6 how to ensure that specifications for assistive devices integrate with individual's planned interventions
- K7 the range, extent, format and level of detail required to produce a specification for an assistive device
- K8 how to research relevant information sources and how to extract data relevant to the generation of options for assistive devices or technology to meet individual needs
- K9 evidence based practice
- K10 the importance of keeping full and accurate records, and how to do so

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**Additional information**

**External Links**

This standard links with the following dimension within the NHS Knowledge and Skills Framework (October 2004):

Dimension: HWB7 Interventions and treatments

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### Select assistive devices or assistive technology to meet an individual's needs



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