Communication Assessment Profile for People with Learning Disabilities  
(van der Gaag, 2004)

What does it assess?
- Communication skills.

Who is it suitable for?
- Designed for adults with severe to profound intellectual disabilities.
- The author indicates it can be used for adults with dementia and younger people with ID.

Who is it not suitable for?
- Anyone who with profound or complex needs, or those with severe visual impairments.

How is it administered?
- Part 1 - questionnaire: completed by a carer to provide information about the adult's communication functions, and situations in which s/he participates.
- Part 2 - observations: completed by a speech pathologist, observing the person in everyday situations.
- Part 3 - intervention planning: completed by the speech pathologist and carer jointly.

How is it scored/interpreted?
- The speech pathologist uses the descriptive information to inform intervention, jointly planned with the carer.

What is it’s availability?
- Purchased from http://www.speechprofiles.co.uk

How does it contribute to a communication assessment for someone with behaviours of concern?
- Profiles the person's communication functions and communicative environment to inform intervention for problem behaviours and allow positive environmental and social supports.
- Must be done in conjunction with a functional behaviour assessment.

References