



We present a framework, as a focus within the GATE programme, for understanding the complex interaction between intellectual disability, health and wellbeing, and assistive technology (AT). Without a concerted and systematic approach to consider the challenges that intellectual disability presents, profound inequities in health, life opportunities, and therefore in quality of life for people with intellectual disability will persist.

### Framework for Intellectual Disability & AT

**Barriers** that people with intellectual disability experience regarding access to AT have not yet been sufficiently considered.

Worldwide, people with intellectual disability are still generally regarded as a **devalued and stigmatised** group, and at least part of their relatively poor health status is due to **health inequities**.

It is unknown what proportion of people with intellectual disability globally actually has **access** to appropriate AT.

### Implications for Provision and Policy

#### Provision

Ensure that people with intellectual disability will benefit from the increased provision of AT aspired to by the GATE programme.

Barriers and facilitators in regards to access for this specific group need to be identified and planned for in future service delivery systems.

#### Policy

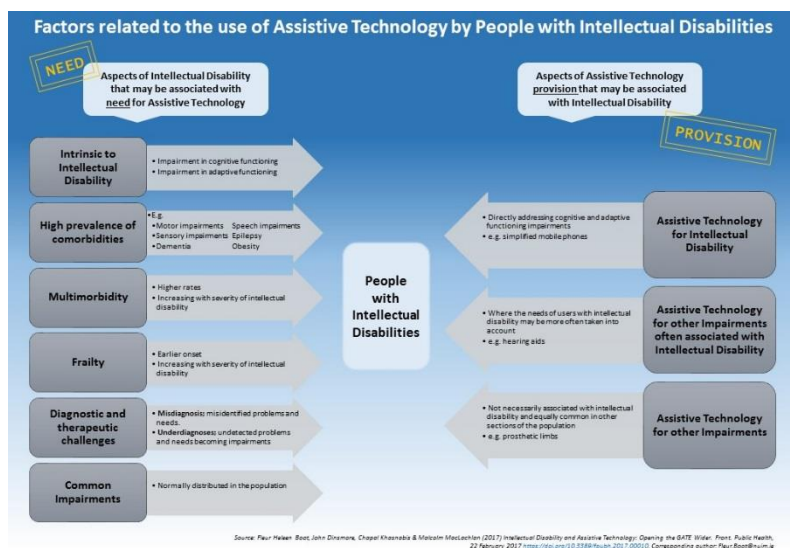
Intellectual disability should be a key element for national AT policies and emphasise user involvement at all stages of AT.

### Impact on People with Intellectual Disability

The use of AT by people with intellectual disability is a **neglected area** of research and practice, and offers considerable opportunities for the advancement of population health and the realization of **basic human rights**.

With a **systems perspective**, the project will identify necessary conditions to successfully access and use AT which will:

- improve the user's quality of life
- increase inclusion and participation in society



Recognize people with intellectual disability

Awareness of 'comorbidities' & needs

Proactive approach

Adjust Assessment

Customization of AT

### Strategies to share and build global capacity based on this work

**Working in conjunction** with the GATE programme, this project has the potential to improve the lives of millions of people with intellectual disability worldwide.

We welcome learning from the experience of colleagues in other countries and look forward to **future collaborations**.



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### Implications for other aspects of the global research agenda

The GATE-ID project delivers on commitment within the **UNCRPD** and supports the achievement of the **SDG's**, for people with intellectual disability.

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