

Sensory Impairment Equipment Available for Loan

The following items are available for loan at absolutely no charge as part of our Try Before You Buy scheme. Our staff will deliver the equipment and are happy to show you how to use it and offer follow up support.

At the end of the loan period the equipment will be picked up and if you wish to buy the product or one like it, our friendly staff can also help to point you in the right direction.

To find out more information, please contact us on:

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Tablets

Thinking about investing in the latest technology? We have a range of handheld tablets available for loan, including an **iPad mini**, **Hudl** and **Kindle Fire HD 8.9”**.

These gadgets have a wide range of apps that can make life easier for anyone with sight or hearing loss.

Our staff can help show you the basics and leave you to use these items in your own home, at your own pace, to see if you would benefit from one.

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Low vision aids and equipment for people who are blind or partially sighted

1. Trekker Breeze Sat Nav:

The easy all-in-one handheld talking GPS for people who are blind or have low vision. Imagine doing your neighbourhood chores freely without having to always depend on other people, without having to count your steps or always worrying about getting lost.

2. iGlasses:

Ultrasonic obstacle detection device designed to be used as a secondary mobility device alongside a cane or guide dog. Worn like spectacles and provides vibration feedback when the user nears a potential hazard at head and chest height. Detects obstacles up to 3 meters away.

3. Penfriend:

The everyday voice labeller. Record your own self-adhesive voice label and attach to a wide range of items in and around the home, at school or at work.

4. Sound beacon:

This compact black box emits a beep to warn people of hazards and obstacles in their path.

5. USB MP3 player:

This portable MP3 player has six headphone sockets, so small groups can enjoy listening to music and audio books.

6. Colour detector:

Battery operated colour detector is easy to use and detects 12 basic colours. By holding the detector to an item of clothing, it will speak the colour in a clear voice.

7. Eye Pal Solo - the world's first reading appliance:

It's called the SOLO because it will read for you on its own - no other equipment or additional lights are needed, no buttons to push, no manuals to read. If you can use any other appliance, you're ready to use Eye-Pal Solo! Just plug it in, place down a book or newspaper and it reads to you.

8. Monomouse USB – MD:

Provides pure white text on a black background for maximum contrast and reduced glare for anyone with acute sensitivity to light. This can be especially beneficial for anyone with Macular Degeneration. Other features include grayscale image, pure black text on a white background, variable magnification, full screen, image capture and image freeze.

9. Peeble Hand Held Electronic Magnifier:

Pebble-mini's ultra-compact design makes it the ideal hand-held magnifier whether you're at home or on the go. Easily read prescriptions, mail, labels, price tags, menus and so much more. Wear Pebble-mini around your neck or carry it in your pocket or purse – the only time you'll know it's there is when you need it!

10. Optalec Compact Mini 3.5":

The lightweight handheld portable Compact Mini is the perfect solution for the active, independent person on the go. The 3.5" screen, 2x to 11x magnification and viewing modes allows for ultimate functionality. Read the menu at your favourite restaurant, check a price label in the store or sign a cheque with ease. When not in use the Mini fits securely into a pocket or purse so you never have to be without your magnifier.

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Aids and equipment for people who are hard of hearing, deafened or deaf.

11. Phonak ComPilot wireless hearing aid interface:

The Phonak ComPilot brings together the accessibility of wireless connectivity, the convenience of a remote control and introduces spoken messages (VoiceAlerts), all in one simple, attractive device. This multi-functional device is great for situations such as listening to music, watching the TV, or your mobile phone.

12. Wellcare tinnitus sound relaxer:

Can help relieve the symptoms of tinnitus through relaxation or distraction. It acts as a stress reliever, helping you achieve a restful night's sleep.

We would like to expand our list of equipment available on loan so would be interested in hearing from you if you have any ideas what we should add.

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