

# Case study 5

## Social Worker - Staffordshire

I have felt the apps have been useful and tried the Echo dot and screen which works well for a family which purchased one for themselves and mother. This also gave the lady confidence that if needed she could just ask Alexa to contact people on her telephone list, her lights now turn on when voice controlled, so she is not left in the dark between formal visits and family are in the process of purchasing automatic curtain rods/rail which will also work with the Alexa to open and close the curtains, allowing her privacy and dignity in her own home especially due to the dark nights.

I have a gentleman that has benefited from 1 of the apps in regards to getting around independently due to being blind. As his services have now ended.

I have also advised people of other further technology to help with independence in the home and reduce reason to have formal support.

Equipment has been purchased by family who have advised the Echo dot worked well with aiding as a reminder for a lady with her medication and ensure she has locked her door.

I will continue to advise where possible and I do now look for further equipment which may enable people to be independent, I also look for relevant Apps that can support people and encourage the use of internet technology.

There is a lot out there to be explored.

And thank you for the information I feel more confident in advising people of further technology to aid independence, as some do not like change but when you can explain and demonstrate advising using an App what can be done without formal support this appears to work well. It won't be for all but I'm sure it will increase as people are made more aware of what is out there as some are not always informed of what can be achieved with some changes.