

GPS Tracker



What is its purpose:

GPS trackers allow a person to maintain independence and quality of life whilst ensuring safety and enabling family and carers to locate the person if required.

Why might it be helpful:

Carers and family members benefit from reassurance that the person can go out independently and safely and know where to find them if they become lost or have a fall.

Who would benefit from it:

The tracker would be helpful for anyone who is likely to go out alone. Some trackers have inbuilt falls-detectors which send alerts to carers or family via their smart phone with location of fall.

What do I need to be able to use it:

Most trackers need to be linked to a family member or carers smart phone via an associated App. Some can be monitored by a call centre.

What are the potential risks:

It is important to develop a contingency plan. How far is too far for them to travel? How long is too long for them to be away for? What steps will be taken to return them home? Can you call them on their phone? Would someone be available to meet them?

Where can I get one?

Through a variety of online shops some of which are detailed below

How much does it cost?

MedPage - £100 - £130

Footprint device- Ownphone telecare www.ownfone.com/footprint-for-telecare Purchase for £150 then less than £10 per month or £20.70 per month through NRS www.nrstelecare.co.uk

Smart Soles - £300 plus £30pm

GPS Watch – From around £200 or £100 plus £24 monthly for monitoring from Taking Care.

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