

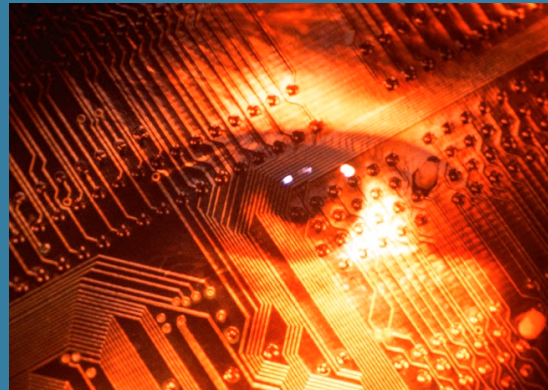


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How to go about obtaining an Eye / Voice Communication Device

The purpose of this document is to share my own experience (and in doing so helping others) in obtaining a personal Communication Device, a device that has transformed my life and allows me to continue to do so many things otherwise no longer possible.



STEP 1 Consult your Neurologist, as soon as possible after diagnosis. Time is critical (due to the lead time involved in obtaining a device). Ask to be referred to a Speech & Language therapist. Ask the Neurologist also for their support in your request for a Personal Communication Device.

STEP 2 Your Speech & Language therapist will assess you for Device suitability. Certain criteria are applied together with patient preferences.

STEP 3 Depending on the outcome of #2, your Speech & Language therapist will refer you to a clinical technologist to specify the precise hardware and software that best fits your need.

STEPS 1 -> 3 can take 1-2 months, with the desired outcome being the placement of an order. Delivery of equipment can take a further 3 months depending on health service budget availability.

STEP 4 Equipment delivery, and ongoing training provided by your support team.

Overall this is a 6-9 month project, therefore initiating early is important. The benefits are significant when you are up and running. If you require further information, contact us at www.gavinliveslife.com/contactus/.