

# Accessibility Apps for people with hearing loss

There are hundreds of accessibility apps in addition to the accessibility settings on your smart device or computer. Below are a few of the popular apps available.



**ava** This app makes group conversations between hearing loss and hearing people possible – reports 95% accuracy.

For all those with the app, it will connect to the Smartphones of a room to transcribe a group conversation such as a business meeting or family dinner, and shows who said what in real-time.

The app is free to download from the Google play store & Apple app store



**Skype** allows people with a hearing loss to use the video calling facility to sign to each other. Works on wifi and 3G.

Free to download from Google play store & Apple app store



**Next Generation Text Service** will allow you to make calls via your desktop computer or on the move, using a PC, laptop, various tablets, phones & other mobile devices.

Free to download from the Google play store, Apple app store and the [NGT Website - www.ngts.org.uk/](http://www.ngts.org.uk/)



**BioAid Medical** app turns your phone into a hearing aid by processing sound from the microphone then delivering the processed sound over headphones in real time.

This is useful if you don't want to/need to use an hearing aid

Free to download from the Apple app store

 **evergreen** life **Evergreen Life** website and app bring all of your health information together, including: your health and medical records, fitness tracking, lifestyle information.

You can link Evergreen Life to the GP Online Services, once you've registered with your GP Practice.

There are other health apps that do similar and your GP Practice can let you know which are available to link to your record.

For Evergreen Life - you can then either set up an account [online](https://www.e-life.co.uk) at [www.e-life.co.uk](https://www.e-life.co.uk) or download the free app from Google play store & Apple app store

## British Sign Language



**Signly** is an award-winning app which displays pre-recorded sign language videos, translates posters and signs and so on.

Companies need to have their materials translated and then it's free for users to download from either Google play or Apple app store.



**ProDeaf Translator** translates a number of languages into sign by the use of a virtual character. It works off a signing dictionary and may be helpful for those people who use sign language, in order to communicate when a translator is not present.

Free to download from Google play.

# Local Support

## Kirklees Council

Kirklees council has a number of supporting services for people who have hearing and/or sight loss. Visit their website at [www.kirklees.gov.uk/sensoryservices](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/sensoryservices)

## Action for Hearing Loss

Action on Hearing Loss (formerly RNID - Royal National Institute for Deaf people) provides information and resources for people who have hearing loss. Find out more on their website or by contacting them using the details below.

**Website:** [www.actiononhearingloss.org.uk](http://www.actiononhearingloss.org.uk) | **Email:** [informationline@hearingloss.org.uk](mailto:informationline@hearingloss.org.uk) **Telephone:** 0808 808 0123

## IT Support at Home

**AbilityNet** has a network of friendly disclosure checked ITCanHelp volunteers who offer free computer support to disabled people and older people.

You may have a problem with viruses, need some help installing broadband or be confused about updates or error messages. Our friendly, trustworthy volunteers have relevant IT skills and may be able to help with computer systems, laptops, tablets and even some smartphones.

Find out more and contact them from their website:  
[www.abilitynet.org.uk/at-home/IT-support-for-disabled-people](http://www.abilitynet.org.uk/at-home/IT-support-for-disabled-people)

You can also download a fact sheet with guidance from their website on '[Hearing Loss & Computing](#)'