Southampton CHOICE COCHLEAR IMPLANT HOME CARE

CHOICE app User manual

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1. Conditions of use statement

The CHOICE - cochlear implant home care app is for people using cochlear implants at participating centres.

You should only use the app if you have agreed this with your cochlear implant centre clinician. Do not pass the app onto anyone else to use.

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2 Registering to use the CHOICE app

Before you can use the app, you must register for an account. This is specific to you and therefore you will enter some information about you and your cochlear implant.

To view websites, you will need to use a program called a 'browser'. This acts as your door to the internet. Browsers are all slightly different, but they all allow you to 'surf' the internet and access different websites. The CHOICE app does not work well on Internet Explorer. We recommend you use another browser such as Edge, Chrome, Safari or Firefox. Browsers are free to download.

To register:

- 1. Make sure your computer, mobile phone or tablet is connected to the internet.
- 2. Open the web browser
- 3. Enter the address: <u>https://cichoice.soton.ac.uk</u>
- 4. You will see the following screen. Click on 'Register'.

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v	elcome to CHOICE - cochlear implant home care. Please enter your ema	il address and password below.
	Log in	
E-mail Address		
Password		
Login Forgo	t your password?	
	natters relating to your hearing and home care pathway	P FAQs

5. Now you will now see the screen below. You must answer each question to create your account.

Register Login
Please enter your email address. You will need to use this when you login.
Password
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Bio between 8 and 14 characters long Have at least one upper case/capital letter ABCDEFGHUKLIMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ Have at least one lower case/mail letter ABCDEFGHUKLIMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ Have at least one number 0122455789 Not include your email address
Confirm Password
Enter your NHS number (this makes sure your clinic can identify you). If you're not sure what it is, please ask your cochlear implant centre
What is your home postcode?

6. You will need to enter the registration code 'implant' as below. Once you have completed every question, click on the blue **'Register'** button at the very end of the page. This will send your information and create your account.

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The CHOICE app will send you notifications and reminders. Would you prefer to get them by email or mobile phone?
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Month and year that you first had your cochlear implant surgery
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Year (YYYY)
Please enter your registration code
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2.1 Login to the app

The email address you entered and password that you created on the registration page are now your login details. Do not share your password with anyone.

To login:

- 1. Make sure your computer, mobile phone or tablet is connected to the internet
- 2. Open the web browser
- 3. Enter the app address: <u>https://cichoice.soton.ac.uk</u>
- 4. You will see the following screen, click on 'Login'

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Welcome to CHOICE - cochlear impla	nt home care. Please enter your email address and password below.
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- 5. You will now see the screen below. Click on the text box to enter your email address and password.
- 6. Click on the blue 'Login' button.

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	Welcome to CHOICE - cochlear implant home care. Please enter your email address and password below.
	Log in
E-mail Address	
Password	

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Remember: you must enter the same email address you used when you registered.

TIP: It might be helpful to 'Bookmark' the 'Log in' page of the app, so that you can find it easily next time you want to use it.

2.2 The first time you use CHOICE

We need you to do 4 things so we can provide the best care for you and evaluate how CHOICE is working:

- 1. Hearing check baseline score
- 2. General check-up questionnaire
- 3. Take a photo of your implant site (behind your ear)
- 4. Complete a questionnaire on how you feel about CHOICE

It is really important to do these as soon as you can. You will see a reminder every time you log in until they have been done.

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2.2.1 Baseline hearing check

The first time you sign in to the app you will be asked to do the hearing check twice. The first time will be used as a practice for you to get used to the check. If you are struggling with the practice and feel like you need more practice before you record the baseline, do NOT click on 'Begin Baseline'. Instead, click Home to go back to the main app page and then restart the hearing check from there. You will then be back in the Practice mode. **Keep going back to the Practice as many times as you like before you record your baseline.**

Only click 'Begin Baseline' when you feel you are ready to do the check and feel you hear the numbers as well as you can. The baseline check will be saved and all future results will be compared to it.

It is really important that you do the baseline check as well as you can; make sure you're in a quiet place where you won't be disturbed and that you finish the check. Do not stop the check or press the 'Back' button while doing your baseline check.

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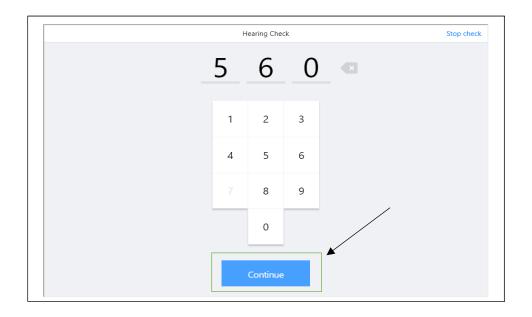
- 1. Make sure you are in a quiet, comfortable room without distractions or background noise.
- 2. If you feel tired, you may want to wait to do the check when you feel more rested
- 3. To start the hearing check, click on the big green button labelled '**BEGIN**' shown below.

4. You will be asked to change the volume so that it is at a comfortable level for you. Make sure it is not too loud or too quiet.

Hearing Check	
BEGIN	If you can't hear any sound, make sure the ringer on your device is not set to silent
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This is what will happen during the hearing check:

- You will hear sets of three numbers spoken by a woman.
- The numbers will be spoken with people talking in the background.
- The number 7 will never be used (because it has 2 syllables)
- 0 (zero) will be said as 'oh'
- After listening to each set of three numbers, you need to enter the three numbers you heard using the number pad on the screen. Then press 'Continue' shown on the screen below.
- Always enter three numbers, even if you have to guess. Wait until the word 'Listen' disappears before entering the three numbers



- The loudness of the numbers will change as you go through the check sometimes the numbers will be so quiet that you won't be able to hear them. You will then need to guess.
- Carry on until the check finishes. You will then see your score on the screen, and this will be saved in the app.

Remember: We recommend doing the hearing check using the computer or phone/tablet speakers, so it checks the whole hearing pathway. If you use direct connect or a Bluetooth connection, it will not check your microphone.

TIP: to view all your results go back to the home screen, and select the 'Results' tab.

Not everyone will be able to do the hearing check. If this happens for you after several practices, your centre will contact you with advice.

Good for you to know:

- If your result is not as good as before, make sure that you are in a quiet room with no distractions and do the hearing check again
- If your score is worse than the baseline on the second time you do it, please contact your centre
- You can contact your centre at any time if you are worried about your hearing

2.2.1a Clearing the cache

If you are using an Apple device such as an iPad or an iPhone, sometimes the hearing check may not work properly unless you have 'cleared the cache'. This means deleting the information that your phone has stored from the websites that you have visited in the past.

If you are using one of these devices and the hearing check is not working for you, try logging out of CHOICE, clearing the cache and then logging in again. Simple instructions on how to do this can be found by looking on this website: <u>https://9to5mac.com/2018/05/24/iphone-ipad-how-to-clear-cache/</u>

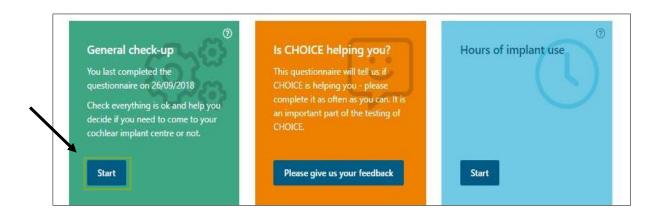
If you are using Google chrome and the hearing check doesn't work properly, you should also try to 'clear the cache'. Simple instructions on how to do this can be found by looking on this website: <u>https://www.wikihow.com/Clear-the-Cache-in-Chrome</u>

2.2.2 General check-up

This questionnaire asks about your hearing health and your implant.

When you first sign in to the CHOICE app, you will be asked to fill out the questionnaire. From then, you can fill it out whenever you feel like you want to check if everything is ok

1. From the home screen, choose the 'General check-up' tile



- 2. Choose the blue 'Start' button to open the module
- 3. You will now see a screen like the one below:

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Home My profile Results	
You last completed the questionnaire on 24/10/2018	
Health Information	
Is coil/headpiece uncomfortable on your head?	
Does the implant site feel different, sore, hot or itchy?	
Have you had a significant bang to your head around the implant site?	
Ves No	

4. Go through and answer each question. At the end of the questionnaire you will see a blue **'Complete'** button. Click this to save your answers.

9	Since your last appointment has your ability to look after your equipment changed in any way?	
	Since your last appointment, has your battery life got worse?	
	Are there any concerns you wish to discuss with your cochlear implant clinician?	
	Would you like an appointment to come to the cochlear implant centre for a review?	
	Complete	

TIP: You need to answer every question. If you have accidentally missed out a question you will see a red error message like the ones in the image below:

v many hours per day do you wear your processor? s required vour last appointment, has there been a change in sound quality? Ves No vour last appointment, has there been a change in your ability to hear speech? Ves No This is required e your last appointment, have sounds become quieter than they were before?	
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Yes 🔘 No	
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propriate for your processor, have you changed your microphone cover in the past 2-3 months?	

Good for you to know:

If your answers to the questions suggest you may be having some difficulty, you will be prompted to contact your cochlear implant centre to seek some help and advice. Your wellbeing is very important, and your implant centre is still there to help you when you need it.

2.2.3 Check your implant site

If you are worried that any part of your cochlear implant site is sore, red, or feels different or itchy, please take a photo for your clinician to look at. This includes where the operation scar is, where the ear hook sits on your ear, where the coil magnet is, and the lump under your skin where your implant is.

If you have banged your head where your implant is, or have an ear infection on that side, please contact your centre. If you have a medical emergency, contact 999. If there is a change in your health, contact your GP

To upload a photo:

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RealSpeech listening practice	Music practice Music can be really difficult with a	Telephone training

- 1. From the home screen, select the 'Upload photo' button on the 'Check your implant site' tile
- 2. You will now be able to see the screen below:

Welcome back Last logged in: 24/10/2018		Logout
	Home My profile Results	
	Check your implant site	
	If you have a medical emergency, contact 999. If there is a change in your health, contact your GR. If you have hanged your head where your implant is, or have an ear intection on that side, please contact your centre.	
	Choose Files NV file chosen	
	When should I ask my health professional to check my implant site?	
	If you are worried about your implant site, you can ask your health professional to check it. You may want to do this if any part of the implant site is:	
	• sore	
	red feels different	
	itchy	
	This includes where the operation scar is, where the earhook sits on your ear, where the coil magnet is, and the lump under your skin where the implant is.	
	How do I do this?	
	You may want to upload a few photos from different angles, including one with your processor and coil on. Then your clinician can see where the processor sits.	
	You can take photos of your implant site for your health professional to look at. The photos should include:	

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- 3. Select the button labelled **'Choose Files'**, this will open the file management system on your computer or phone/tablet
- 4. Go to where you have saved the photos of your implant site, and select the ones you want to upload
- 5. Please edit the image that you choose, so that your face doesn't show.
 - a. Make sure that the image is clear and not blurry
 - b. Make sure that the lighting is good, so that the picture is not too dark
 - c. If you have long or thick hair, ask someone to help you part your hair so that the scar behind your ear, and the lump under your skin where the magnet sits are clearly visible in the photo
- 6. Once you are happy that the photo meets the requirements, select 'crop'
- 7. You can add a note about the picture. For example, saying what you think the problem is
- 8. You can upload several photos from different angles including one where you are wearing your processor if you want to
- 9. Then select the green button labelled **'Save all'**. Your image has not been saved and sent to your centre until you have clicked this button.
- 10. Your clinician will review the photos and contact you.

2.2.4 Is CHOICE helping you? Tell us how you feel about CHOICE so far

This is a short survey to help us understand more about your experience of using the CHOICE app. It asks questions about how you are feeling, how confident you are, and your personal wellbeing.

To fill in the survey follow the instructions below:

1. From the home screen, choose the 'Is CHOICE helping you?' tile and click on the blue 'Please give us your feedback' button



2. You will now see the screen like the image below:

	Tell us ho	w you	feel			
Please fill in this short survey; it will only take a cou	ple of minutes.					
This is your first time completing this survey - Your	answers are an imp	oortant part	of the evaluation	of CHOICE.		
Please choose one option on each line.						
These results will NOT be seen by your cochlear im cope with any emotions (sadness, worry, anger), p support locally. You can also look at the <u>Emotiona</u>	lease consider spea	aking to you	ur GP; they will be			
Friends and Family						
Please think about your recent experience of using t How likely are you to recommend this service to frie		lear implant	home care.			
if they needed similar care or treatment?	Extremely likely	Likely	Neither likely nor unlikely	Unlikely	Extremely unlikely	Don't know
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How are you today (past 24 hou	ırs)?					
How do you feel and how much can you do?						
	None		A little	Quite a lot		Extreme
Pain or discomfort	•••		•••	•••		~
Feeling low or worried	•		•••	•••		~
Limited in what you can do	•		•••	•••		
Require help from others						

- 3. Please answer as many questions as you can by clicking on the face that best describes how you feel
- 4. Once you have finished click on the blue **'Complete'** button to save your answers

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These results will **NOT** be seen by your cochlear implant centre - only the evaluation team. If you notice that you are finding it difficult to cope with any emotions (sadness, worry, anger), please consider speaking to your GP; they will be able to direct you to psychological support locally. You can also look at the <u>Emotional support</u> area of the CHOICE app.

2.3 Logout of the app

To logout:

In the top right-hand corner of the screen you will see a blue button labelled 'Logout'

	CHOICE		Logout
Home My profile Results			
Hearing check 0	Order spares	⑦ Check your implant site	

1. Click this button once, and you will be logged out of the app.

Remember: if you are using a public computer e.g. you are in a library or internet café, we strongly recommend that you <u>log out</u> of the app to protect your information. CHOICE will automatically log out if you have not used it for a while

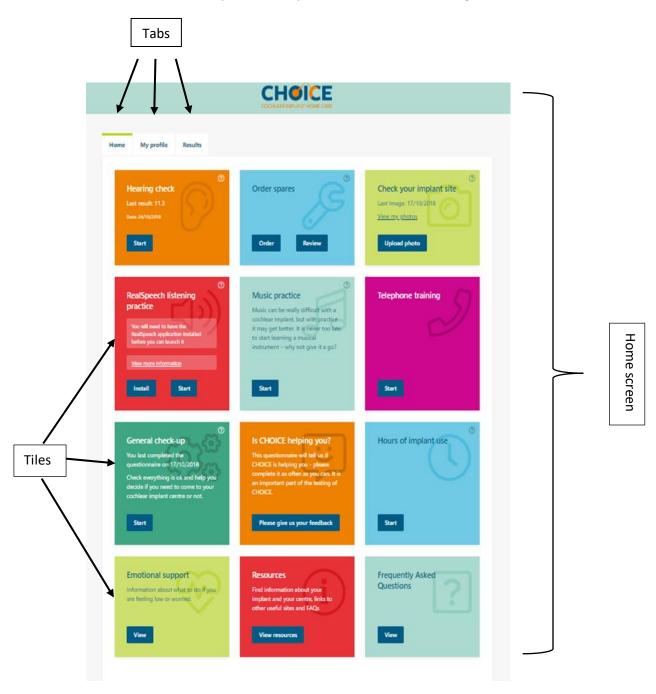
3. Using the app

3.1 CHOICE app home screen

Once you have logged in to the app, you will see the main page. This is called the '**home screen'**. The home screen is made up of '**tiles'**. Tiles show all the different features in the app.

At the top of the home screen you will also find '**tabs**' these are shortcuts that take you to a particular part of the app:

- The home screen
- My profile (where your personal information is)
- Results (which is where you can find your results from the hearing check etc.)



3.2 Order spares

You can order spare parts that you need for your implant.

1. From the home screen, find the 'Order spares' tile

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Home My profile Results	\mathbf{N}	
(*) Hearing check Last result: 11.3 Date: 24/10/2018 Start	Order spares	The check your implant site Last Image: 17/10/2018 View my.photos Upload photo
RealSpeech listening	Music practice	Telephone training

- 2. Click on 'Order'
- 3. You will now see the screen below

Home My profile Results	
	Order spares
If the spares you need are not listed, please contact	sct your centre
Model: Select Model Part:	No image available
Select Part Reason: Select Reason	
Select Kesson	CHOICE

- 4. Click on 'Select model' to choose your processor from a list
- 5. Click on 'Select part' to choose the part that you need from the drop-down menu
- 6. Click on 'Select reason' to tell your centre why you need the spare part
- 7. Once you have chosen the part you need, click the blue button labelled 'Add to Cart'
- 8. Now your 'cart' will appear underneath like in the next picture

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- 9. Click on **'Complete order'**
- 10. Your order has now been submitted and you will see your order number on the screen.

3.2.1 Review your open orders

To review the orders you have placed and let your cochlear implant centre know you have received your order:

1. From the home screen, click on the blue button labelled **'Review'** on the 'Order spares' tile.

Home My profile Results		
Thearing check Last result: 11.3 Date: 24/10/2018	Order spares	© Check your implant site Last Image: 17/10/2018 View my photos Upload photo

2. You will then be taken to a screen called '**Orders**'. You will find a list of the items you have ordered and information about each order.

3.3 'RealSpeech' listening practice

RealSpeech can help you practise listening to speech in background noise. *RealSpeech only works on a computer running a minimum of Windows 10*

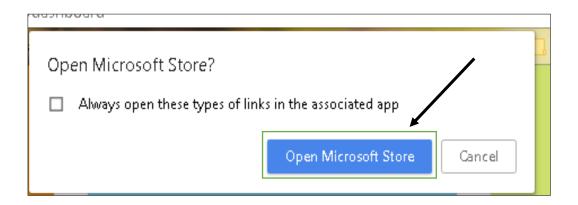
3.3.1 Installing RealSpeech

Before you start you need to install the 'RealSpeech' app on to your computer.

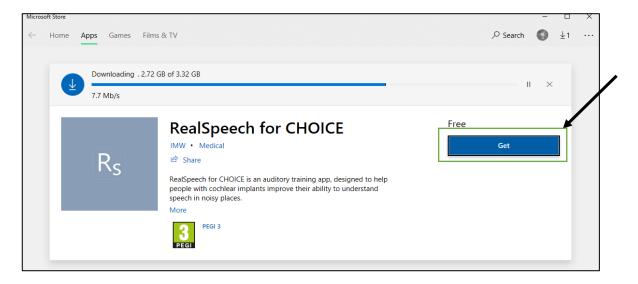
 From the home screen, click on the blue 'Install' button on the 'RealSpeech listening practice' tile, as below:

RealSpeech listening practice You will need to have the RealSpeech application installed before you can launch it View more information	Thusic practice Music can be really difficult with a cochlear implant, but with practice it may get better. It is never too late to start learning a musical instrument – why not give it a go?	Telephone training
Install Start	Start	Start

2. A message will pop up on the screen, asking your permission to open the application store. Click **'open Microsoft store'**



3. When the Microsoft Store is open, click **'Get'** and the RealSpeech for CHOICE application will start to download on to your computer.



TIP: It may take several minutes to download so do not close the Microsoft Store until the application has finished downloading.

4. Once the RealSpeech application has fully downloaded, go back to the CHOICE app home screen, find the **RealSpeech tile** and select **'Start'**

RealSpeech listening practice You will need to have the RealSpeech application installed before you can launch it	Music practice Music can be really difficult with a cochlear implant, but with practice it may get better. It is never too late to start learning a musical instrument – why not give it a go?	Telephone training
View more information	Start	Start

- 5. A separate window will open, and you will see a series of instructions on how to use the RealSpeech app.
- 6. Take the time to read these instructions before you begin

Troubleshooting tips:

If you are having problems getting the RealSpeech application to download, check that you are connected to the internet.

If you are having problems getting the RealSpeech application to work after you have downloaded it, close the application store; then log out of the CHOICE app and log back in. Then try starting the RealSpeech application again.

3.4 Music practice

Music can be difficult with a cochlear implant, but with practice it may get better and help you to improve your confidence and enjoyment when listening to music.

Follow the instructions below to get started:

1. From the home screen, choose the **'Start'** button on the **Music practice** tile, as in the picture below:

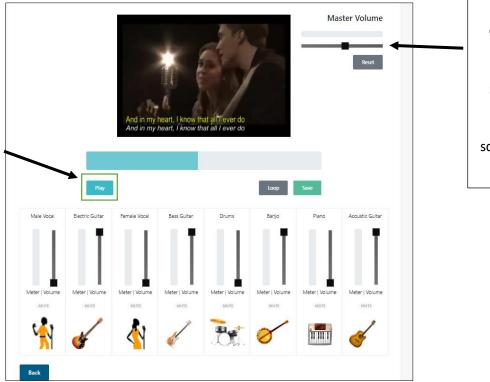
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View more information	instrument – why not give it a go?	Start

2. You will now be able to see the screen below:

Home	My profile Results					
		Music practice				
how lou control the pitc	The mixer app allows you to control the sound of a song or a piece of music, by adjusting how many instruments (tracks) you are listening to and how loud each of them are. You can turn the vocals on and off and adjust the level of them. You can adjust the overall volume and you can also control the pitch of the music. A woman will sound like a man if you turn the pitch down whilst a man will sound like a woman or a child if you turn the pitch up. Sometimes a cochlear implant can sound high pitched, especially in the early days, and reducing the pitch can be helpful to make it sound more natural.					
start wit easier to	Please spend some time adjusting the levels of each of the instruments and the vocals so that you can hear the music more easily. You might like to start with only the vocals on and then add in the drums and gradually add the others. Or listen to each instrument on its own and you will find it is easier to hear when you listen to all of them playing together. Then adjust the pitch to suit yourself. You can save your favourite settings using the "save button and oo back to the previous settings with the 'undo' button.					
To dow	nload the full More From Music IN	VAP program including additional exercises, please click here.				
#	Artist	Song				
#	Artist WoodField	Song When You Call	Load			
-		-	Load			
1	WoodField	When You Call				
1	WoodField Robin Grey	When You Call The Last Time I Saw David	Load			
1 2 3	WoodField Robin Grey Robin Grey	When You Call The Last Time I Saw David Mariam's Cake	Load			
1 2 3 4	WoodField Robin Grey Robin Grey Madelaine Hart	When You Call The Last Time I Saw David Mariam's Cake It Doesn't Snow Here	Load			
1 2 3 4 5	WoodField Robin Grey Robin Grey Madelaine Hart 10cc	When You Call The Last Time I Saw David Mariam's Cake It Doesn't Snow Here Dreadlock Holiday	Load Load Load Load			

3. Choose a track and click the blue **'Load'** button on the same line as the one you have chosen.

4. You will now see a screen like that in the image below. You can change the overall volume of the music and the volume of each of the musical instruments: these are labelled in the picture.



This changes the overall volume of the music. The further left the square is, quieter the music is. The further right the square is, the louder the music is

- 5. To start the music, choose the blue 'Play' button
- 6. Instrument controls The instrument controls allow you to adjust the mix of the music. It may be easier to hear the different instruments when they are playing together if you have listened to them separately first. Ideally, start listening to each instrument separately, then add in the other instruments and the vocals one by one until you find the mix that you like the best.

TIP: Make sure that you set the volume on your computer speakers to a comfortable level before you press start.

3.5 Telephone training

Using the telephone with a cochlear implant can be difficult. Practice can help you to improve your confidence.

1. From the home screen, find the 'Telephone training' tile

Home My profile Results				
(*) Hearing check Last result: 11.3 Date: 24/10/2018	Order spares Order Review	Check your implant site Last Image: 17/10/2018 View my photos		
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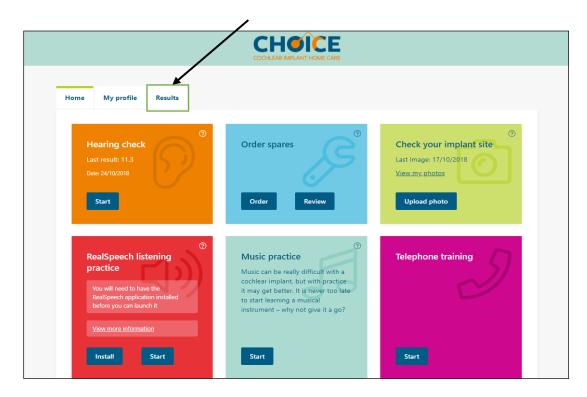
- 2. Choose the blue 'start' button to open the telephone training activities
- 3. You will now be able to see a screen like the image below:

Home My pr	ofile Results			
		Telephone training		
Use this section to learn cochlear implant training techniques and tips for all experience levels, download test scripts and access training scripts to try with family and friends. Simply click on each heading to expand the content.				
Telephone coaching exercises for friends and family +				
Download a training exercise +				
Training scripts +				
Tips for general telephone usage +			+	

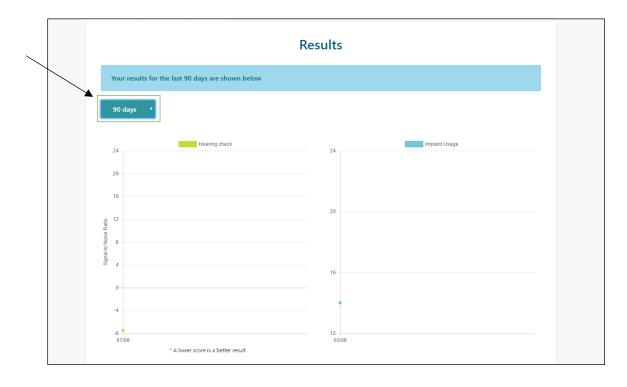
4. Click on the **plus sign** to see the information in each section. Follow the instructions; they guide you through each stage of difficulty. If you have not done any telephone training before, start with the beginner level and see how you do.

3.6 See your results

It may be interesting for you to see your results over time. They may help you keep track of your progress.



- 1. From the home screen, choose the **'Results'** tab.
- 2. You will now see a screen like the one shown below.



3. You can change the length of time that you view the results over to go from 7 days, 30 days or 90 days by choosing the duration from the blue drop down menu.

Remember: If you are worried about your hearing, always contact your cochlear implant centre.

3.7 Emotional support

It is important to think about your emotional wellbeing at all stages of your cochlear implant journey.

The 'Emotional support' section of the app is designed to help point you towards self-help tools and resources.

1. From the home screen, choose the 'Emotional support' tile and click the blue 'View' button



2. You will now see a screen like that in the image below:

CCHERTIMULANT HOME CARE				
Home	My profile	Results		
			Emotional support	
cope wi			otional wellbeing at all stages of your cochlear implant journey. If you notice that you are finding it difficult to ess, worry, anger), please consider speaking to your GP; they will be able to direct you to psychological	
If you would prefer to access support designed specifically for individuals with a hearing loss, you may find the links below useful. Some people may prefer to try self-help tools in the first instance, which focus on helping you to understand your difficulties and develop coping strategies.				
lf you n	eed further sup	port please con	tact your centre	
Psychol	logical support f	for individuals v	vith a hearing loss:	
www.signhealth.org.uk				
www.de	eaf4deaf.com			
			es that will help you understand any emotional difficulties you are experiencing. They will also help you to also links to resources and support created for individuals with a hearing loss.	
web.ntv	w.nhs.uk/selfhelp	2		
The Samaritans offers a safe place for you to talk any time you like, in your own way – about whatever's getting to you.				

V1.10 08.10.19 You can always contact your cochlear implant centre in the usual way at any time ...25

3. Click on any of the blue hyperlinks. These will take you to another webpage where you can find out more about the services available to you.

Remember: Your implant centre may have people (Psychologists) that you can see if you feel you ever need help or advice about your mental health and emotional wellbeing. It is important that you contact your centre if you are finding it difficult to cope with any emotions that you are experiencing

3.8 Hours of implant use

If you want to try and increase the number of hours you use your cochlear implant, you can track your use using this feature. It does not take information from your sound processor – it only uses the information you type in. The CHOICE app does not interact with your sound processor in any way.

The three things that affect how well you hear with your cochlear implant are:

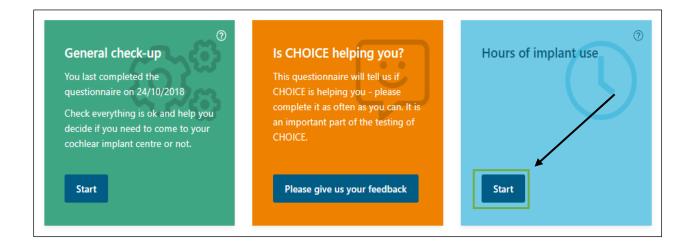
- Time
- Your programs or maps
- Listening experience

It takes a long time to get used to hearing with a cochlear implant, so be patient with yourself and make sure your family and friends understand this too. The aim is for you to wear the cochlear implant sound processor and feel comfortable with it during all your waking hours. However, this may take time to build up to.

Your program, or map, should be set so the implant is comfortable to wear. If it is not comfortable, contact your centre.

3.8.1 Recording hours of implant use

 From the home screen choose the 'Hours of implant use' tile and click the blue 'Start' button.



2. You will now be able to see a screen like below:

н	ome	My profile	Results		
			Implant use		
	The thre	ee things that aff	ect how well you hear with your cochlear implant are:		
	 how 	v long you have	had the implant		
	your programs or maps				
	 listening experience It takes a long time to get used to hearing with a cochlear implant, so be patient with yourself. Make sure your family and friends understand this too. The aim is for you to wear the device and feel comfortable with it all your waking hours. However, this may take time to build up to. 				
	If you are trying to wear your implant more, it may help to record how many hours you use it. This is just for your own use and only if you find it helpful.				
	Your pre	ogram or map sh	ould be set so the implant is comfortable to wear. If it is not comfortable, contact your centre.		
	How many hours are you wearing your processor each day?				
	Hours				

- 3. Click in the box labelled '**Hours**' and type in the number of hours you have worn your implant that day
- 4. Then click the blue 'Record use' button to save your answer
- 5. You will now see a confirmation on the screen that your hours of use have been saved

Welcome back Last logged in: 24/10/2018				CHOICE	
	Home	My profile	Results		
	Implant use				
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	How many	hours are you	wearing your p	processor each day?	
			orded 8 hours en if you subm	for today it the form below	
	Hours				

You can view your hours of use over time by going to the '**Results**' tab and looking at the blue graph labelled '**Hours of implant use**'

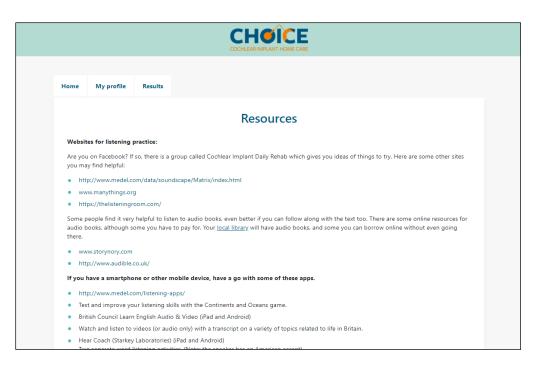
Please contact your centre if you would like help to increase your hours of use.

3.9 Resources

This area of the app is designed to point you towards websites and resources that you may find useful and interesting.

Emotional support	Resources Find information about your	Frequently Asked Questions
are feeling low or worried.	implant and your centre, links to other useful sites and FAQs View resources	View

- 1. From the home screen, choose the '**Resources**' tile, and click on the blue '**View resources'** button.
- 2. You will now be able to see a screen like the one below:



3. Have a read through and see if there is anything that applies to you or interests you. The blue hyperlinks will open a new webpage.

Remember: if you are worried about your hearing or struggling with anything else related to your hearing or your implant, contact your cochlear implant centre.

3.10 Frequently Asked Questions

Some of your questions may be answered in the 'Frequently Asked Questions' section. To access the FAQs, follow the instructions bellow:

1. From the home screen, choose the Frequently Asked Questions tile, and click 'View'

Emotional support Information about what to do if you are feeling low or worried.	Resources Find information about your implant and your centre, links to other useful sites and FAQs View resources	Frequently Asked Questions
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2. This will open the '**frequently asked questions**' page, and you will see a screen like the image below:

Home	My profile Results			
Fre	quently Asked Questions			
• D(o you have instructions for using the CHOICE app?			
Do	ownload our CHOICE App User Manual to get detailed instructions on how to get best use out of the CHOICE app			
• 1 a	am worried about my hearing			
int	e hearing check in the CHOICE app is intended to help you decide if you need to go to the cochlear implant centre or not. But we are more terested in your concerns than the results of the test, so if you are still worried about your hearing, please contact your centre. Having a taring test at the clinic is still the best way to test your hearing.			
• M	ly cochlear implant is not working well			
Co	ontact your cochlear implant centre as soon as you notice something is wrong with your cochlear implant or your hearing.			
• W	/ill I still get processor upgrades if I am using the CHOICE app?			
Ye	s. Your centre will contact you when this is due.			
• 11	need spares and repairs for my implant			
Yo	u can order spares and repairs <u>here</u> .			
• 11	have changed my mind about using the CHOICE app; can I go back to seeing my Audiologist as I did before?			
	s. Tell your cochlear implant centre and they may suggest that you stop using the CHOICE app and return to seeing your audiologist in the me way you did before. The quality of your care won't be affected by your decision in any way.			

3. If your question has not been answered, please email <u>choice@southampton.ac.uk</u>

Remember: if you are worried about your hearing or struggling with anything else related to your hearing or your implant, contact your cochlear implant centre

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		formatting revision
16/01/2019	1.4	Updated screenshots
01/05/2019	1.5	Updated screenshots and related rewording
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		iPhone/iPad included under hearing check.
08/10/2019	1.10	Included instructions on how to clear the cache
		when using Google chrome