

TechnoMe

Leicester City Council, Leicestershire County Council, and Rutland Council are working together to find out how people, 16 years and above, with Autism can be helped towards independence using technology like Smart phones and Tablets. The Department of Health has given each council, money to help with this project.

We want to find out how you might use a Smart phone or a tablet in your everyday life. If you take part we will give you a smart phone, tablet or Go Pro camera. We want to find out which "Apps" you find useful. There are 1000's of apps to choose from, some are free and some cost, and you get to choose which ones you use on your device.

There is one app in particular that we want everyone involved in this project to use, it is called AutisMe. It is a Personal Passport, all about you and how autism affects you. You choose what and how much information you put in it; this can be done using text and pictures.

How Does TechnoMe work?

You will need to fill in an application form, which will be looked at by a group of people from the councils and people involved in caring for people with autism. If you are selected you will receive a Smart Phone, a Tablet or a small Video Camera. Your Smartphone or Tablet will come with a protective case. If you want 3G or 4G, or to make phone calls, or buy apps which cost you will need to pay for that yourself.

You will also receive a list of apps that we think may be useful and you can choose which ones to download. The only App you must download is AutisMe, and it is free. You will also have a questionnaire to fill out, which will help us understand your needs and how you use technology now.

After six months of having and using your device, we will send you another questionnaire, either in hard copy or you can fill it out online.

If you are interested and are over the age of 16 with a diagnosis of ASD, or you care for someone you think this might help please email,

yasali.yasali@yahoo.com by the 27th of Feb to receive an application for or find out more.