

Sensors and Tracking Devices

This leaflet provides advice on how you can help keep your child with challenging behaviour safe in your care. The Children's Occupational Therapy Service offers a range of leaflets with advice on how to keep your child safe - call 020 8274 6854 for further information.

If there is a risk that your child will leave your care due to a reduced awareness of danger, you may need to consider sensors. These can alert you that your child has gone somewhere where he or she is not safely supervised. Tracking devices may also be helpful.

General considerations

- **Sensors and tracking devices do not replace the need for appropriate parental supervision.**
- The alarm systems need to be checked regularly to ensure that they are operating effectively.
- Batteries need to be replaced on a regular basis.
- Ensure that the pagers & sensors are placed out of reach of your child.

Examples of possible solutions

- **Sensors** can be in the form of door opening sensors, window opening sensors, pressure mats to monitor access to doors, and sensors along the tops of fences, gates or walls. The sensor sets off an alarm or alerts a pager system when triggered.
- **A tracking device or personal locator** is attached to your child and the pager alert remains with the parent or carer, who is alerted when your child has gone outside a set limit range.

Examples of suppliers

Sensors:

- WM Douglas Telford, Access Audio Ltd., www.accessaudio.co.uk 0131 663 0777 or 07876 443 361
- Frequency Precision, www.frequencyprecision.com 01837 810 590
- Tunstall Group Ltd., www.tunstallgroup.com 01977 661 234
- Sensorium, www.sensorium.co.uk 0800 056 5454
- Easylink Electronics, www.easylinkuk.co.uk 01536 264 968 or 01536 744 788
- Natobe Safety, www.natobe.co.uk 023 9271 2293

Trackers and personal locators:

- Iseeka, www.iseeka.co.uk 0844 543 6363
- Buddi, www.buddi.co.uk 0871 423 8756
- Child Safe Zones, www.childsafezones.co.uk 0870 062 4919

General:

- Croydon Equipment Solutions Ltd: You can receive specialist help and advice as well as view items at the equipment shop, open Monday to Friday, 9am to 4.45pm, at 28 Boulogne Road, Croydon, CR0 2QT. Tel: 020 8664 8860.

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Your questions and comments:

PALS offers assistance, advice and support for patients and their families. The PALS office is open to callers from 9am to 3.30pm, Monday to Friday. Telephone number 020 8401 3210.

