

## **Adult Social Care**

# **BUDDI**



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Buddi units are extremely useful to help people who are at risk of wandering or getting lost due to memory problems or lack of understanding. If a person who carries a Buddi unit happens to get lost, workers are able to locate the person using global positioning satellite (GPS) and mobile phone technology.

#### Buddi can:

- Help people feel safe when travelling
- Let the person's carers of the police know if they get lost or need help when alone
- Help people to travel alone safely

Buddi is particularly useful for people with dementia, learning disabilities or a brain injury. Using the Buddi system can mean more freedom and independence for a person who may otherwise be unable to go out of their own.

#### **Buddi Features**

As well as providing GPS location services, Buddi unit offers additional services to help the wearer feel safe, such as:

- Buddi emergency alerts. These enable the Buddi wearer to raise an alert if they find themselves in an emergency situation
- Buddi audio feature. This automatically records and stores any sounds around the Buddi unit when the wearer presses the emergency alert button.
- Buddi person-down. This detects falls and triggers an automatic alert.
- Speed motion alert. This sends an alert and emergency response if the wearer has not moved for a set period of time.
- Buddi Boundary. This allows for a boundary "fence" or perimeter to be created around a specific area. Buddi raises an alert if the wearer goes out of his area.
- Buddi tracking. This allows up to 5 Buddi units to be tracked for up to 7 days.

### Getting a Buddi unit

If you think you are interested in the Buddi system and would like to find out more, please contact the Hartlepool Support Hub at Hartlepool Borough Council.

#### HOW TO CONTACT THE SUPPORT HUB

If you, or someone you care for - or a relative or friend - is finding life a bit difficult at the moment and would like to talk about it, contact our Support Hub - our gateway to information, advice, support and care.



Visit the Support Hub at **Community Hub Central**, York Road, TS26 9DE between 10am - 4pm Monday to Friday



Call **01429 272905** between 8.30am - 5pm Monday - Thursday. 8.30am - 4.30pm on a Friday.



Email helping@hartlepool.gov.uk

We will connect you to the things that will help you get on with your life.

If you are **worried about someone being abused or neglected**, or if you need **information or support with hospital discharge** please contact:

The Integrated Single Point of Access (iSPA)

You can contact the iSPA Monday - Thursday 8.30am - 5pm, Friday 8.30am - 4.30pm



01429 803100



ispa@hartlepool.gov.uk



07977709900 (Relay UK)

#### How to get help if we are closed

If you need urgent help when our offices are closed, you can contact the **Emergency Duty Team** on **01642 524522**