

Your questions - Everyday

- Janet It is very easy to use on a day to day basis. I renew the batteries approximately every 3 days and I just put it on and I am really grateful to have it on. I take it off when I go to bed, and that's about it.
- Chris The CI is really, really easy to use, all you have to do in the morning is to put the battery on, (demonstrates), that's the head piece, you get the cable right, put it behind the ear, put the head-piece in the right place and it's on. It takes care of itself.
- Brian If anyone is querying or is worrying, about 'it is difficult to use? With all the accessories?', it is all very easy. You have got a remote that changes the volume and various other functions, like the loop [telecoil], if you go to the bank and feel you need it. Batteries you put one on from the charger in morning, put [the battery] in and it lasts the whole day and probably a bit more. I get up on average around 7 in the morning, go to bed about 11 - 11.15, it stays on the entire day, it has never let me down. Brilliant.
- Ian I find that the equipment is easy to use. When I get up in the morning, I take the processor out of its dry box, insert a rechargeable battery, just check that the lights on the processor shows that it has started off correctly. Pop the processor behind my ear and drop the head piece on to my head where it clicks with the magnet inside underneath the skin and it sits there for the rest of the day. I forget it's there until bedtime when off it comes, back into its box and the battery goes back on to charging for the next day, so it's a doddle.
- Stan The actual implant, I can't say it's ever been uncomfortable. I mean, I have only had the implant a few weeks now, but I hardly notice it's there once it is on. The only time that I am aware of it is when I have put [the speech processor] on first thing in the morning and when I take it off at night when everything goes dead quiet.
- Tayseer My [speech processor] never falls off, you know. I go to classes to gym and I do Zumba and different sorts of classes. I think I have a strong magnet so it never falls off,
- Ian I wondered before I had the implant, what this would be like, what the processor would be like, how heavy it would be? It looked a good deal bigger than the Phonak hearing aids I had used - and it is - but the Advanced Bionics processor has a thing called a T-Mic which fits right around the ear and it holds the processor nicely in place and I have no problem with it falling off. After a while I don't even know it's there.
- Margaret I wear the processor right through the day until I go to bed at night. The processor comes off of my ear, I detach the battery and every second day I charge up two batteries and put the processor into the dehumidifier.

- Britt-Marie** I use the rechargeable batteries. I have one battery in [the speech processor], one on charge, and one which is already charged. I keep a spare battery in my spectacle case, so I will never run out of them and it works very well. I have three going at the moment.
- Janet** I email the repair department when I need new coil leads or battery covers and I can also ask them for batteries, but at the moment I have always picked them up when I have been in the appointments.
- Andrew** Well right now, I hear birds singing, and I hear people when they're facing round the other way - they don't have to face me, and I can still hear what they're saying if they're looking the other way. I like to hear the oven alarm when I'm cooking. With the digital hearing aid I couldn't even hear the alarm go off when I was in the kitchen, but now I'm in the living room when the alarm goes off - so it's made a big difference.