Making the technology fit the person

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Introduction to Personalised Technology (PT) at Hft

- Using PT since 2004

- Person-centred approach

- Focus on people's abilities not their disabilities

- Trialling new technologies – approached by leading manufacturers

- Work with organisations to deliver training, assessments and consultancy in technology

Lizzy

Issue: Wanted to have more independence and have her own flat
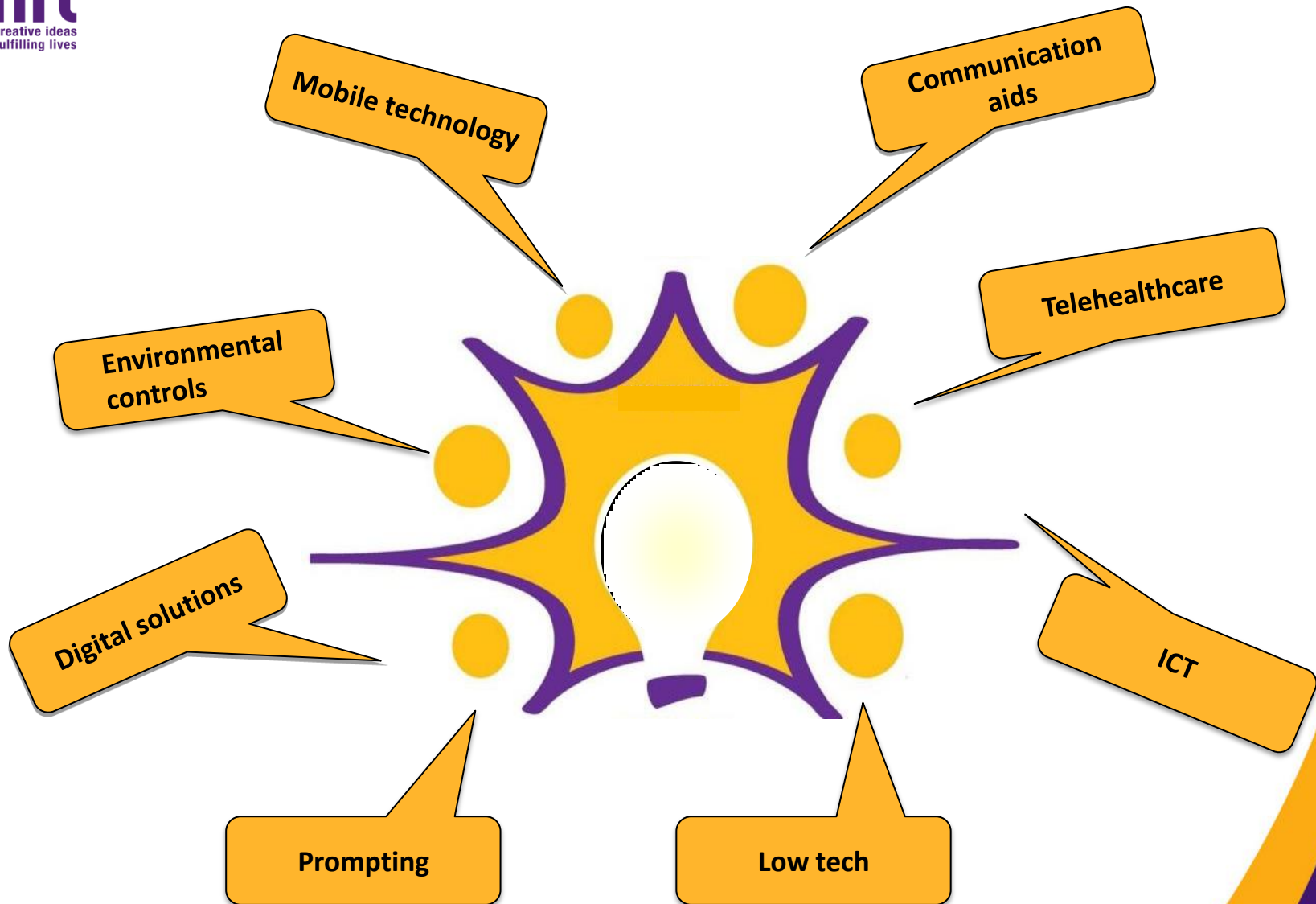
Solution: To find suitable housing

Outcome: Independence and increased confidence

Cost:

£525

Personalised Technology – a definition

Lucille

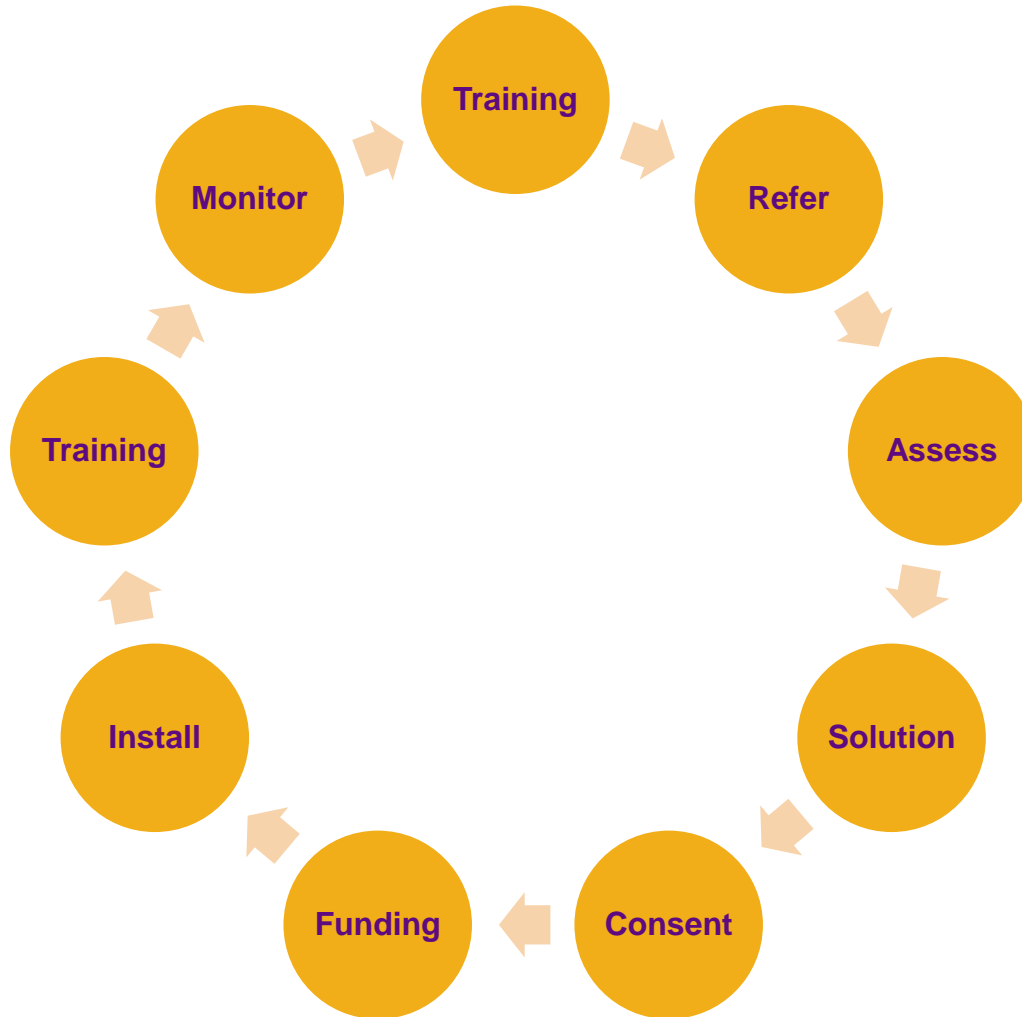**Issue: Independence with medication**

Solution: Medication dispenser

Cost:

£150

Outcome: Independence with reduced staff intervention

Implementation process

Training → Refer → Assess → Solution → Consent → Funding → Install → Training → Monitor → Training

Why Use Personalised Technology?

o Independence

o Improved health and wellbeing

o Dignity and privacy

o Choice and control

o Risk safety management

o Increased communication

o Enjoyment and sensory relaxation

o Opportunity and empowerment

o Increased efficiencies

How can PT Help?

"I like living in my flat. It helps if I can call staff if I fall"

"I can cook my food myself and I don't have to wait for staff"

"I like it as I will be able to let myself in"

"I don't have to be woken during the night – my sensor wakes me"

"It is better for me to open the doors by myself "

"It helps people. I can change the channel to what I want"

"It will help keep me safer in my house and I will be able to see who is at my front door"

"I like to be as independent as possible, and equipment I can learn to use will help me"

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What needs to be considered?

- Does the person have capacity to consent to the specific technical solution?

- Is the whole procedure person centred?

Other things to think about

- Testing the equipment regularly

- Inclusion in support plans and risk assessments

- Is the equipment bothering other people or the individual?

- What to do when it works?

- What to do when it doesn't work?

Personalised Technology services

Person centred assessments / recommendations

- Initial face to face meeting at the person's home
- Assessment and recommendation report
- Ongoing support

Training

½ day interactive training session that covers:

- What PT is
- The benefits of using PT
- The impact of using PT

Consultancy

- Expert advice
- Recommendations on how to implement PT into services
- Bespoke training days

In summary

Technology can make a huge difference to the health and wellbeing and quality of life of people with learning disabilities, as well as creating more efficient services.

Thank you

Any questions?