

## Vision Northumberland Assistive Tech Series

## Relay UK for Android phone or tablet

Relay UK is a free, confidential service that supports people with hearing and speech difficulties communicate by phone.

Relay UK will connect you to a live relay assistant who helps you to communicate by:

- Typing what the caller is saying so you can read their responses.
- Reading your written responses to the caller, if you can't speak.

As Relay UK is a regulated service, you can use it to arrange GP and hospital appointments by phone.

To **download** the Relay UK app on your **Android** phone or tablet, follow these steps:

- 1. Go to the Google Play Store
- 2. Search for "Relay UK"
- 3. Tap "Install" to download the app
- 4. Once downloaded, open the app to 'get started'
- 5. Read and accept the terms & conditional
- 6. Message saying 'Allow Relay UK to make and manage phone calls?' appears. Click 'ALLOW'
- 7. Message saying 'Allow Relay UK to send you notifications?' appears. Clicking 'ALLOW' will ensure you automatically receive app updates but this is optional.
- 8. You will be prompted to link your number. If you've installed the app on your phone, your mobile number should be shown in the 'Phone Number box'.

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- 9. Check the number entered and click on 'NEXT'.
- 10. You'll now see a message asking you to verify the link by making a free call to 0800 500 888
- 11. Call the 0800 number from the phone you want to link. Once connected, you can disconnect the call almost straight away. It only takes a moment.
- 12. You'll see a message telling you that you've successfully linked the number. Click 'NEXT'
- 13. You will be asked to pick your communication preference. Select which you prefer and click 'NEXT'
- 14. You will now be given the option to allow you to back up & restore your account optional. Once you have selected your choice, click 'FINISH'

## To Use:

- 1. Open the app on your smartphone or tablet
- 2. Click the keypad button **#**
- 3. Dial 18001 followed by the phone number (If you're using a smartphone with the Relay UK app, 18001 is automatically included before the number you want to dial)

You can then contact 999 by dialling 18000 from your phone or **open the** Relay UK app, click the 'keypad button' then tap the red '999' in the top right-hand corner.

Please note: Relay UK is not supported available on ChromeBook