

Wireless Hearing Aid Accessories

Nowadays people have lots of gadgets, such as phones, TVs and iPods, that they want to be able to hear easily.

Hearing aid and cochlear implant manufacturers have introduced wireless accessories to help people do this and get the most from their hearing aids. These devices will work with a wide range of recent hearing aids, including many of those currently provided through the NHS.



How do they work?

Most systems are based around a small device which you wear around your neck. Different manufacturers call this by different names, so to keep things simple we use the generic term **Streaming Interface**.



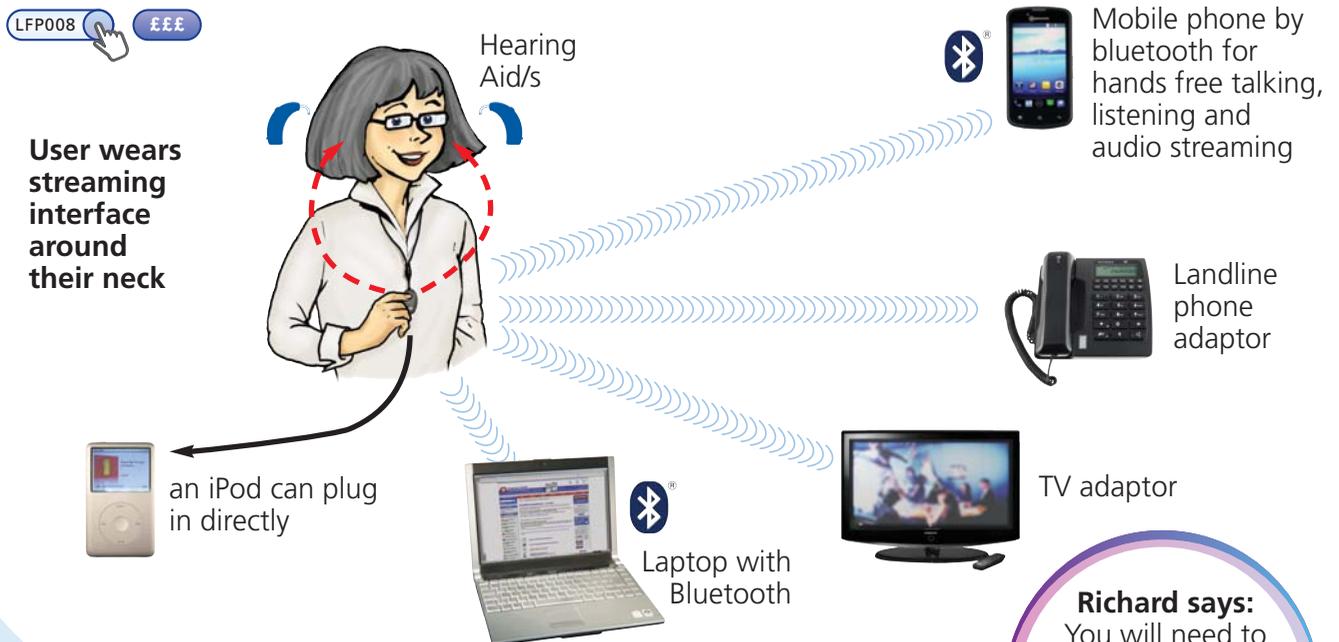
The streaming interface uses a special radio signal to send high quality sound to your hearing aid/s, cochlear implant/s or BAHAs. It allows you to listen to all sorts of different sound sources. You can connect to any audio device that has a headphone socket, such as a CD player or iPod, using a standard lead.



The interface also has Bluetooth, very popular for making and receiving handsfree calls on a mobile phone. Sound from the phone goes straight to your hearing aids and you talk into a microphone on the interface. There are also TV and landline phone adapters, which will link wirelessly to your hearing aids via the interface.

The interface can sometimes work as your hearing aid remote control, allowing you to adjust the volume or change programmes.

At the time of writing this booklet, **Phonak** offer a streaming interface called the **ComPilot**, **Siemens** have the **easyTek**, **Oticon** have the **ConnectLine Streamer Pro** and **Cochlear** have the **Mini Microphone** which communicates directly with the processor.



Richard says:

You will need to check online which system is compatible with your particular hearing aids.

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