

CASE STUDY

Harnessing Technology for Inclusive Support

IDENTIFYING THE NEED

The Corbett Centre in Inverness provides a wide range of support to adults with learning disabilities, including Housing Support, Community Support, Care at Home and day opportunities. Staff, families, carers, and supported individuals identified the need for innovative, interactive tools that could both enhance engagement and support skill development.

In response, the charity invested £7,170 from donations generously raised by Corbett Centre supporters to purchase a "Tiny Tablet" in March 2024. The tablet is a height-adjustable touchscreen activity table with a 39" screen, battery and mains operation, webcam, microphone, and speakers.

THE CHALLENGE ON THE GROUND

Traditional approaches to activity delivery can sometimes limit opportunities for individuals with learning disabilities to engage in stimulating, varied, and personalised experiences. Staff wanted a way to introduce more interactive, technology-driven activities that would:

- Support cognitive and fine motor skill development.
- Provide opportunities for fun and social engagement.
- Offer new tools for speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, and staff training.



HOW WE RESPONDED

Before making the investment, the Corbett Centre's Resources Manager held online meetings with the supplier to carefully assess the potential benefits. Once purchased, staff identified "Champions" within the team to lead on embedding the technology into daily practice, supported by the supplier's online training and live support.

The Tablet offers:

- A wide range of educational games and interactive content.
- Adaptability for both individual and group use.
- Durability, safety, and portability for use across different areas of the Centre.
- Functionality as a large desktop computer, enabling small-group staff training.



THE CHANGE WE ACHIEVED

- **For supported individuals:** The interactive activities have increased engagement, motivation, and enjoyment. People are developing cognitive and fine motor skills while also accessing new opportunities for fun and social interaction.
- **For staff:** The technology provides a flexible, easy-to-use resource that enhances activity delivery. Staff are exploring creative ways to embed it into daily sessions and are building confidence through training and practice.
- **For the wider service:** The device has potential for use by Allied Health Professionals, including Speech and Language Therapy and Occupational Therapy teams, as an additional tool to support their work with service users.



"As a staff team we are excited about acquiring the Tiny Tablet as part of our resources and look forward to utilising its full potential over the coming years". – Ian, Corbett Centre Manager



THE JOURNEY AHEAD

The Corbett Centre is still exploring the full potential of the Tiny Tablet, but the early benefits are clear. The team is excited to continue integrating it into activities, developing new ways to use the technology, and sharing learning across services.

Looking ahead, staff plan to collaborate with AHP colleagues to broaden its impact, while also using it to support training and professional development.