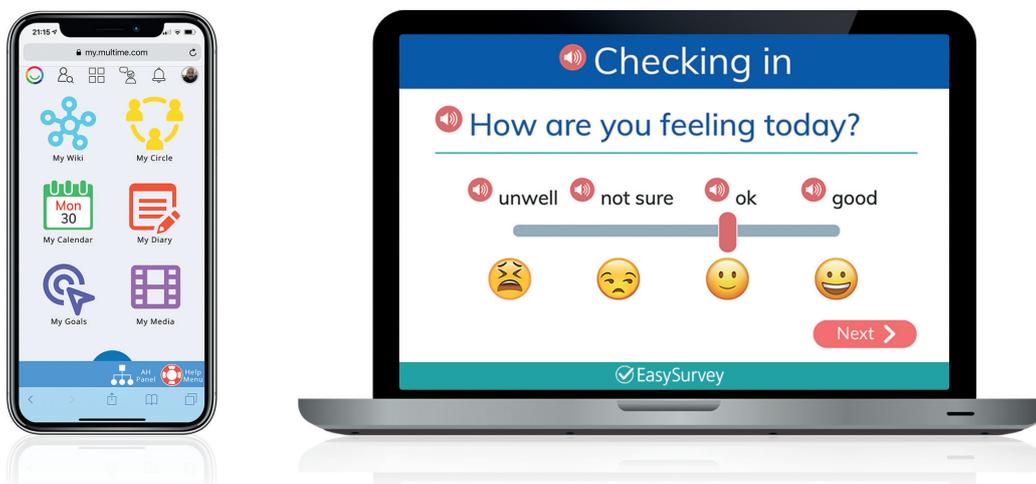


# Stay Connected with the RIX Multi Me toolkit

An online support network to help everyone cope with the health emergency

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Stay Connected is a bundle of tools that enables you to network safely with the people you support, keeping everyone connected and informed during the health emergency through the use of messaging and monitoring tools that are engaging and easy to use.

The RIX Centre has partnered with software suppliers, Multi Me and KIM Software Solutions, to provide an online toolkit to help organisations remain connected to people with special needs and disabilities. These tools, alongside your telephone and video calls, provide a simple way to offer people extra care and assistance during the Coronavirus pandemic.

We are offering organisations an innovative but simple software package that can be used on smartphones, tablets or computers. Stay Connected will enable staff from social care provider organisations, colleges or schools to run a secure and highly accessible online support network. The easy to use multimedia tools will enable people with special needs and disabilities to communicate as required with support staff, carers, professionals, friends and family from their own homes. They will help to provide online communities of support for people to share their needs and concerns – or simply to swap stories, chat and take part in learning and leisure activities online.

The toolkit will help carers and other professionals to structure the support that they can offer remotely to vulnerable people in our communities. They can help plan and organise people's days and exchange information with their circles of support in ways that will make effective care and support possible in these exceptional circumstances.

We are arranging lowest possible pricing for the Wiki Me and RIX EasySurvey software tools to help our vulnerable people cope with the difficult challenges of social distancing and self-isolation over the coming months. These tools will be backed up with online training, advice and user support from the RIX Centre and Multi Me teams and we will be coordinating a dynamic, safe and inclusive community of practice to befriend people as they face these extraordinary challenges.

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# What are the tools?

## The Stay Connected package combines RIX software with Multi Me tools in a RIX Multi Me toolkit

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The **RIX Multi Me Toolkit** features a version of the **RIX Wiki** and **RIX EasySurvey** packages, accompanied by a secure and private social network and simple personal organiser tools.

**EasySurvey** can create highly accessible surveys that use pictures, video and text-to-speech to make them easy to understand for people with different levels of literacy and ability.

The **RIX Wiki** sits in the middle of the toolkit's personal organiser and networking tools, providing a multimedia hub for the individual to capture and share information.

**My Circle** provides a secure, private social network for the user that can serve as their support network. It allows people to share texts, pictures and media clips and interact with friends, family, supporters and other professionals.

The **Buddy** tool enables safeguarding of vulnerable users with the ability to monitor and sanction all content and actions on the system as and when required to ensure all users are safe.

**My Diary** allows people to create and share a daily blog using a combination of photos, videos, text and stickers. This is a great way for people to keep everyone up to date with how they are dealing with their day to day challenges and to share their thoughts, activities and achievements.

The **My Goals** tool allows users to set and manage goals and learning targets. This helps supporters to encourage and organise personal activities to help keep people healthy and occupied with constructive activity that will boost their morale.

**My Calendar** provides a visual overview of an individual's timetable of activities. Having a visual timetable can help people gain a sense of purpose and control in difficult times.

Please contact us at the RIX Centre if you are interested in the Stay Connected package or have any questions about these tools and services.

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