



Phobia Programme

Phobias can cause anxiety, panic and distress. It's natural to want to avoid the thing you are afraid of. But in the long-term, that can make your phobia worse.

SilverCloud[®] by Amwell[®] is a digital therapy programme. It can help you to understand your thoughts and feelings, and how they affect what you do. By taking the *Phobia* programme, you can learn to manage your fears and improve the quality of your life.



Knowledge and Understanding

You will learn how the emotions, thoughts, physical feelings and actions linked to your phobia are connected. Using the tools in the programme, you can figure out the factors that affect you.



Skills and Strategies

By tuning in to your emotions and physical feelings you can start to spot patterns and triggers. You will learn practical ways to help you manage the symptoms of your phobia. As you move through the programme, you will begin to overcome your fears in small, manageable steps.



Forging Ahead

By the end of the programme, you will have learned how to cope with anxiety and take control of your phobia. You'll know how to prevent relapses and can make a plan to continue your progress and stay well.

Is this programme for me?

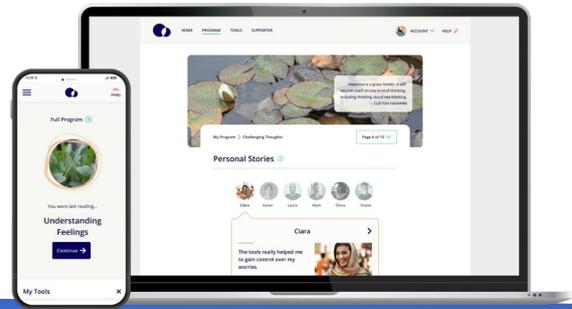
This SilverCloud programme can help you learn how to manage the symptoms of phobias.

The **Phobia** programme is easy to access on your phone, computer or tablet, wherever and whenever you need it. You can work through the programme at your own pace. For most people it takes about eight weeks to complete.

There may be days when you don't feel like using your programme. Even just taking a moment to log your mood or do a relaxation exercise can help you to keep going. The smallest actions can make a real difference to how you're feeling.

Cognitive behaviour therapy

This programme is based on cognitive behaviour therapy, or CBT for short. CBT has been used for many years as an effective treatment for phobias. It allows you to become more aware of how you are feeling and teaches you to make changes to feel better.



"I'm just feeling a lot better about myself. I hadn't realised the impact my phobia was having on my life, but now I know that I never want to go back to that."

- Julianna, SilverCloud® user

Modules in the *Phobia* programme:

- **Getting Started** – Find out about CBT and how it can help you to feel better.
- **Understanding Phobia** – Find out about the effects of anxiety. Start to use CBT to manage your symptoms.
- **Noticing Feelings** – Tune in to your emotions, to learn how they connect to your phobia.
- **Facing Your Fears** – Learn to face your fears, by breaking them down into small, safe steps.
- **Challenging Thoughts** – Learn how to tackle negative thinking.
- **Bringing it All Together** – Reflect on what you have learned and how you can put it into practice when challenges emerge.

Tools and activities

The *Phobia* programme contains many helpful tools and activities including:

- **Personal stories** – Find out how other people experience phobias and how they cope with them. You'll also realise you are not alone.
- **Quizzes** – Test your knowledge and increase your understanding about phobias.
- **Relaxation and Mindfulness exercises** – Reduce tension and feel more grounded, with our podcasts.
- **Personal journal** – Keeping a journal can help you to unpick your thoughts and feelings, reduce stress and solve problems.
- **Mood Monitor** – Track your moods and see how they are affected by your lifestyle choices.

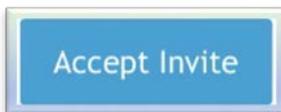
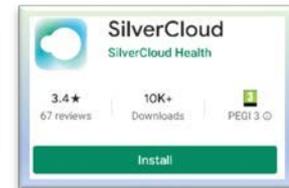
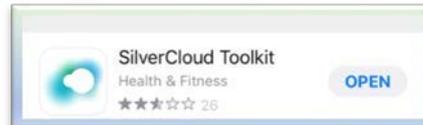
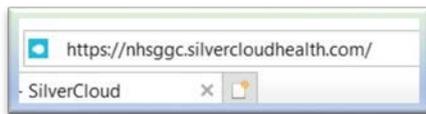
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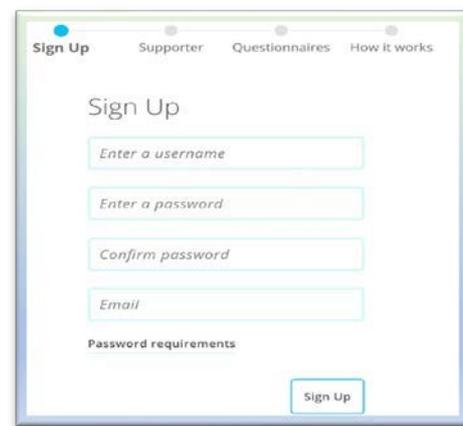
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How do I access SilverCloud?

You can access SilverCloud through an internet browser or mobile application ('SilverCloud Toolkit' in the Apple Store, and 'SilverCloud' in the Google Play store). In addition to this information leaflet you will receive sign-up instructions in an email sent by SilverCloud/ Digital Therapies service.



Simply click on the "Accept Invite" link in your SilverCloud welcome email and follow on screen instructions.



You should provide a secure username and password, along with your email address. Remember to keep your password safe, you will use this password each time you log in. You will be asked to read the support agreement and complete short questionnaires.

After these steps have been completed you will be able to get started with SilverCloud.

Where can I complete the programme?

The course can be completed 24/7 in your home or during opening hours at any local library or other community setting using either a desktop computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone.

Is the information I provide confidential?

Yes. You have a username and password so that no-one else can access the details you enter. All your data is stored in an encrypted database. Sometimes data that is routinely collected during the course of treatment will be used for service improvement and evaluation. The information may be shared with other Health Boards, nationally and with NHS 24. This information is always anonymised. This means that all information that could be used to identify you is removed and your confidentiality is maintained.

What are reviews?

You will find that routinely (approximately every 3 weeks) during online treatment you will be asked to take part in a "review" on an agreed review date. Through the SilverCloud messaging system, you are able to leave key messages for the Supporter Team at any point and the team will then pick up your message at your

next review date. You also have the option to share your journal and mood monitoring activities if you wish to do so. During a review you will be asked to complete questionnaires and share any comments that you have. A Supporter from the Digital Therapies service will then provide written feedback and additional advice which will appear on your Homepage and Message page. The role of the Supporter is to guide and encourage you through your treatment programme and sign post you to resources for your needs. **Please note, if you feel you require additional treatment for your mental health please contact your GP or discuss with a Mental Health Practitioner.**

Reporting Suicidal Thoughts

During a review you will be asked if you have had thoughts of harming yourself. If you confirm that you have, the Digital Therapies service will inform your GP the next working day. If you were referred by a Mental Health professional and continue to have contact with them then they will be contacted instead. Below is a list of useful contact numbers if you feel you wish to speak with someone. If you feel you need to speak to someone more urgently then it is recommended that you contact your GP or NHS 24 on 111 to discuss these feelings.

Useful Contact Numbers:

- **Breathing Space** on 0800 838 587. They are open from 6pm to 2am Monday to Thursday, and 6pm to 6am Friday to Monday morning.
- **The Samaritans offer a 24-hour telephone helpline Call on:** 116 123. You can also contact them via email to jo@samaritans.org
- **NHS 24 - 111.** The NHS 24 111 service provides urgent care advice day or night and health and dental support when your GP practice or dentist is closed.
- **In an Emergency call 999.**

If you require further information or assistance in activating your account, please contact us using below details:

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Digital Therapies Team (Mon – Fri 9-5)

Email: - DTT@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

Phone:- 0141 287 0295