



## **SLEEP APPS**

If you are struggling to get to sleep, try counting sleep apps instead of sheep – there are many of them! Just kidding. But here are our favourites...

#### **Sleep Cycle**

Free 30 day trial for Android and iOS

Sleep Cycle analyses your sleep and wakes you up at the most perfect time, feeling rested. Waking up easy is all about timing. Sleep Cycle alarm clock tracks your sleep patterns and wakes you up during light sleep. Waking up during light sleep feels like waking up naturally rested without an alarm clock.



#### Calm

Free for Android and iOS

Calm is a great app for doing exactly that calm. It is a great app for beginners to learn meditation and it includes some nice tracks for children for bedtime, too. There is a seven-day sleep program for people who have difficulty sleeping. This app is free, however some of the additional features have to be purchased.

### What's Up?

Sometimes we find it hard to sleep because we ruminate, have worries or are anxious. Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) involves learning more about how you think and how your thoughts affect your emotions. This app uses CBT to train you how to identify negative thinking patterns and the sources of your anxiety or worries. It features breathing techniques, habit and anxiety trackers, emotions diary and forums.



#### Smiling Mind

Free for Android and iOS

Smiling Mind is a non-profit organisation that was created to increase happiness and compassion in the world – this app is one step towards that goal. It is categorised by age group and thus accessible for children, adolescents and adults. We love the category on workplace – because "mental health is everyone's business."

How do you sleep? Do you feel well rested after a night's sleep? Do you have trouble adjusting to your shift patterns?

# Sleep is vital for our productivity, creativity & wellbeing



#### **Useful Websites**

#### sleepfoundation.org

Education and advocacy of sleep (USA)

#### sleepcouncil.org.uk

Education and advocacy of sleep (UK)

#### bettersleep.org

Consumer education on sleep products

#### sleepandhealth.com

International journal for health professionals and those interested in the science of sleep

#### sleepio.com

Online sleep therapist app (for android and iOS, fees apply)

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