Understanding your sleep worries

Rate yourself on how true each statement is for you. 0 = never1 – sometimes 2 = frequently 3 = alwaysStep 1 – Discover I struggle to control the quality of my sleep I keep trying different things, like pills and rituals, but nothing works in the long term I don't understand why the things I use to help me get to sleep don't work Step 2 – Accept I dwell on past poor quality sleep or worry about future sleep, and find it hard to switch off my racing mind at night I jump from one topic to another and struggle to maintain my focus and concentration during the day I just can't concentrate on how I am feeling, on my thoughts and on how my body is reacting Step 3 - Welcome I have negative thoughts about how poor sleep affects my life and I struggle to get rid of them I experience strong emotions like anxiety and sensations such as knots in my tummy when trying to sleep or during the day after a bad night and I can't control them I find it hard to resist unhelpful urges when trying to get to sleep like watching TV or taking a sleeping pill or alcohol Step 4 – Build I adapt my sleeping pattern to manage my sleep such as having wind down time and a regular bed time I maintain my bedroom environment as a restful place I adjust my lifestyle to positively impact on my ability to sleep – e.g. not eating late at night Step 5 Live I feel I can't fully get on with my life until my insomnia has I feel that insomnia impacts my daily life negatively, affecting my relationships, energy, health and work I always worry that insomnia will return even when my sleep has improved