March 2015 was the last Telecare LIN newsletter supported by Innovate UK, KTN Ltd and the Assisted Living Innovation Platform and we would like to thank them for their support in recent years.

*There have been over 9000 new links of interest since April 2015 – sadly, we are unable to bring them to you in a curated format at this time.*

Going forward we need your support. To maintain a comprehensive monthly news summary going out to over 40,000 people, we are looking to crowdsource funding to support the website, content and hundreds of links and journal article references each month. We are currently looking for a number of organisations to support continuing production (including supplements, Twitter stream, archive) at around the £5k level per year. The news service, currently in its tenth year is recognised as an authoritative source and valuable resource in the UK and in other parts of the world working on digital health, telehealth, mHealth, telemedicine and telecare.

Many people also value the extensive coverage of UK health and care policy as well as regular site listings and supplements (eg telehealth, dementia, long term conditions). This is, therefore, an opportunity not to be missed if your organisation would like to be associated with the sector-leading newsletter and our successful brand. You can email j.porteus@telecarelin.org.uk for details.

In the meantime, we will be providing a limited ‘headline only’ service for registered members of the website whilst we establish whether or not the crowdfunding approach is successful over the next three months. You can still follow Mike Clark on Twitter (@clarkmike - together with summaries on Storify and Rebelmouse) or Jeremy at @HousingLIN or on the Housing LIN homepage.

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**Some News Headlines this week**

(i) The Care Quality Commission has published its ‘State of Care Report 2014/15’.

(ii) The NHS Health Apps library (currently in beta) is closing ahead of a new accreditation process being announced (also mobihealthnews).

(iii) There is a new weekly Tweetchat and Driving Digital Challenge (22 Oct deadline) from TSA.

(iv) ‘Most NHS depression apps are unproven, warn health experts - Just 15 per cent of apps recommended by the NHS for depression have been proven to be effective’, the University of Liverpool has found. (Telegraph article). Also No proof that 85% of mental health apps accredited by the NHS actually work.
(v) A project to implement a new IT system at Scotland’s NHS 24 is now £41.6 million over budget and more than two years behind schedule, according to a report by the Auditor General for Scotland (Digital Health News).

(vi) From NHS England: Delivery of NHS 111 and General Practice Out of Hours services are to be brought closer together to provide patients with a “new front door” to urgent health care services. The new service will offer patients improved access to a new 24/7 urgent clinical assessment, advice and treatment service – bringing together NHS 111, GP out of hours and clinical advice.

(vii) ‘An embattled NHS can learn from other health systems around the world’ says Mark Britnell in a Guardian article.

(viii) The Department of Health has announced an NHS agency staff cap to save £1bn over 3 years.

(ix) From the U.S.: Mercy Virtual Care Center – a Hospital with no beds – major center for telehealth, telemedicine.

(x) AliveCor has demonstrated an Apple Watch ECG prototype (MedCityNews article).

(xi) ‘The NHS faces mounting financial crisis as deficit heads towards £1bn’ (Guardian article).

Events List - 2015

October

National Children and Adult Services Conference and exhibition 2015, Bournemouth 14-16 October 2015

The Internet of Things: Unlocking Economic Value for the UK, London, 15 October 2015
http://www.insidegovernment.co.uk/event-details/iot/522/#overview

Can technology solve the ageing timebomb? – 18 October, London
http://www.battleofideas.org.uk/2015/session_detail/10043


Sustainable Homes 2015 - Retrofit for the future, Cardiff, 20 October 2015
http://www.cih.org/events/display/vpathDCR/templatedata/cih/events/data/Wales/Sustainable%2520Homes%25202015

November

EHI Live, Birmingham, 3-4 November 2015 http://www.ehilive.co.uk/


https://www.conted.ox.ac.uk/courses/H600-71

International Technology Enabled Care Conference 2015, Newport, 16/17 November 2015 [https://www.eventsforce.net/exante/frontend/reg/thome.csp?pageID=10490&eventID=45&eventID=45&CSPCHD=00a002790000Ql0wi7xSCK000049qYiEvG77YHdgMEgVJA--](https://www.eventsforce.net/exante/frontend/reg/thome.csp?pageID=10490&eventID=45&eventID=45&CSPCHD=00a002790000Ql0wi7xSCK000049qYiEvG77YHdgMEgVJA--)

Housing and innovations in technology, Leeds, 17 November 2015 [http://www.cih.org/events/display/vpathDCR/templatedata/cih/events/data/YH_Board_-_Housing_and_Innovations_in_Technology](http://www.cih.org/events/display/vpathDCR/templatedata/cih/events/data/YH_Board_-_Housing_and_Innovations_in_Technology)


December


Regional Health Insights Events - interoperability:

- London 21 October 2015
- Newcastle 11 November 2015
- Bristol 18 November 2015
- Birmingham 25 November 2015
- Manchester 2 December 2015
- Leeds 8 December 2015

[http://www.healthinsights.co.uk/](http://www.healthinsights.co.uk/)

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