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 7000 links of interest since June 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 48,000 people, we are looking to crowdfund 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.

Some News Headlines this week

(i) In a new report, the Ready for Ageing Alliance challenges the myth of the baby boomer.

(ii) Software that helps Prof Stephen Hawking to speak via a computer has been published online by Intel, the company that created it (BBC article).

(iii) Emergency hospital admissions have been reduced by a third due to a project that aims to reduce patient dependency on health and care services. The "Living Well" scheme helps 1,572 people in 3 areas of Cornwall - Newquay, Penwith and East Cornwall. Plans have been announced to roll it out countywide. The project is run by Age UK and is part funded by the charity and the Cabinet Office. People targeted are those considered at risk of using health and social care services regularly. Many will have at least two long-term conditions such as diabetes, dementia, stroke or a history of falls (BBC article).

(iv) From The King’s Fund ‘Health and social care: the first 100 days of the new government’.

(v) From the Guardian – ‘Is there an app for loneliness?’
(vi) Gartner's 2015 Hype Cycle for Emerging Technologies Identifies the Computing Innovations That Organisations Should Monitor.

(vii) Staff at Camden and Islington NHS Foundation Trust will access patient records on iPads following the introduction of a new electronic patient record system in September (Digital Health News).

(viii) Amsterdam is set to become a ‘connected city,’ with the launch of a new Internet-of-Things wireless network that will allow objects to transmit data between each other (The Next Web article).

(ix) The National Living Wage could result in a "catastrophic collapse" in the number of care homes, according to the five biggest providers (Guardian article).

(x) From ADASS: Complex care and the case for technology – report about Blackburn with Darwen and Moorgate Mill.

(xi) New publication from ILC - Village Life: Independence, Loneliness, and Quality of Life in Retirement Villages with Extra Care.

(xii) From the Housing LIN – ‘Let's get Digital - A whole new world of possibilities to transform the technology-enabled home’.

(xiii) Report from Diabetes UK: Number of people with diabetes up 60 per cent in last decade.

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