Over the last few months, we have been providing weekly headlines only since our Innovate UK funding ended in March 2015.

Our news service has been available since October 2005. Our Housing LIN and Telecare LIN membership database exceeds 40,000 people from around the world.

From January 2016 we are now back with a monthly Telecare LIN roundup as well as maintaining weekly headlines together with daily news via Twitter (follow @clarkmike and #TLINnews).

As in the past, we will be continuing to bring you an extensive curated coverage of digital health and technology enabled care references from the UK and around the world including telehealth, telecare, mobile health, telemedicine, ehealth, smart home technologies and Internet of Things. We will also be including more in the future on health informatics (including electronic health and care records), big data, artificial intelligence as well as health and care robotics.

**Weekly Headlines**

From the U.S.: Virtual System Allows Doctors to Ride in Ambulance - via [electronics_360](#)

#Digitalhealth Minister @Freeman_George moves to become Chair of the Prime Minister's Policy Board – via [GOVUK](#)

Pokemon Go leading to a 'population level' surge in fitness tracker step counts - via [washingtonpost](#)

NHS hospitals borrowed record £2.8bn from government last year - via [guardian](#)

Community pharmacies braced for cuts announcement - via [BBCNews](#)

Call for new social care settlement - via [localgoveditors](#)

Hunt's Houdini act: What next? - via [BBCNews](#)


The UK research that will be hit by Brexit - via [guardian](#)

Merck is exploring applications for the blockchain within healthcare - via [medcitynews](#)
Cambridgeshire’s £800m NHS outsourcing contract ‘wasted millions’ - via BBCNews

Is it cancer? Diagnosing yourself online is about to get easier - via guardian

Tapping the untapped potential of the NHS workforce by @cimison - via NuffieldTrust

Growing group of people building their own solutions to help manage diabetes - but there are risks - via BBCNews

A Surgeon Goes Hands-on With Microsoft’s Hololens - via Medgadget

Twenty new innovative projects are selected to improve the quality of health care - via HealthFdn

Tougher Turing Test Exposes Chatbots’ Stupidity - via techreview

In 2031, who will you care for? And who will care for you? - via iftf

FDA Sets It’s Sights on Silicon Valley’s Digital Health Boom - via CTeLTweets

How telehealth is shaping the future of healthcare - via FierceHealth

Jeremy Hunt retains post as health secretary - via digitalhealth2

MIT’s Robot Assistant Gives Nurses A Second Opinion - via PopSci

How augmented reality technology erases the human v machine boundary - via guardian

NHS England struggling to meet cancer waiting list targets - via guardian

Magic Pony Technology: Twitter buys start-up for $150 million - via innovateuk

How telemedicine can be incorporated into med school curriculum - via FierceHealth

GE Healthcare and ThoughtWire Collaborate to Accelerate Healthcare’s Digital Transformation - via BusinessWire

NHS Improvement's Jim Mackey has told senior managers the health service is “in a mess” - via HSJnews (£ subs)

Joined up health and care needs a giant leap forward | David Behan - via guardian

Ambulances have missed target for responding to the most life-threatening calls for a whole year - via BBCNews

The King’s Fund response to the Secretary of State for Health remaining in his post - via TheKingsFund

Driving a digital future - The Merseyside Digital Roadmap - via iLinksInnovator

Taking control of our social care system (@RichardatKF) - via TheKingsFund

How to make everyone benefit from eHealth applications - via himsseurope
Making a Difference: Investing in Sustainable Health and Well-being for the People of Wales - via PublicHealthW

The Internet of Things has a dirty little secret: it’s not really yours - via verge

Has technology become too disruptive for healthcare? - via digihealthnews

Time to reform HIPAA and FDA regs for digital health era? - via HealthITNews

AirStrip, Humetrix and others advise Congress on FDA, FTC, HIPAA - via MobiHealthNews

Why Isn’t mHealth More Popular? - Canadian Survey - via mHealthIntel

Doctors Question Mobile Health App Reliability and Privacy - via MeriTalk

Cuts and reform – the Cameron legacy for adult social care - via CommunityCare

Luke can’t move, drink or use the loo. The council offered him a tea urn - Frances Ryan - via guardian

NHS partners up with libraries to boost wellbeing - via guardian

Whitehall cuts number of troubled IT projects - via UKAuthority

Building bridges, breaking barriers: Integrated care for older people - via CareQualityComm

Imperial College Academic Health Science Centre (AHSC) to benefit 1.1m patients - via imperialcollege

Millions of pounds of taxpayers' money wasted on NHS contract - via itvnews

Calls To Improve Healthcare Workers’ Access To Physio - via CSJMagazine

Two telemedicine companies raise $61 million in latest financing rounds - via modrnhealthcr

4 questions every healthcare provider should ask about fitness wearables - via medcitynews

Future Tech – 15 Realities Of The Coming Future In A Minute - via wtvox

Wearable experts talk smart apparel, supply chains and security at conference - via MobiHealthNews

From the U.S. - Amino launches free, online healthcare cost comparison tool - via MobiHealthNews

Our weird future of loving robotic pets - via qz

Doctors Get Creative To Distract Tech-Savvy Kids Before Surgery - via CalHealthline

What Governments Can Learn From Airbnb And the Sharing Economy - via FortuneMagazine

Why Patients Will Know More Than Doctors About Their Health - via intel
Council tax rises ‘fail to stop care cuts’ - via BBCNews

Blockchain and benefits - a dangerous mix? - via BBCNews

Breathlessness lung disease warning - via BBCNews

Obesity ‘puts men at greater risk of early death’ - via BBCNews

Obesity causes premature death, concludes study of studies - via guardian

Investigation into collapse of UnitingCare Partnership contract in Cambridgeshire & Peterborough - via nao

Nearly 2m people may have undiagnosed killer disease - via guardian

Social care is in desperate need of a champion | David Brindle - via guardian

EU health and social care staff make huge contribution say Welsh health ministers - via itvnews

Should the NHS abolish the purchaser-provider split? - via bmj_latest

Just 15 per cent were offered all the treatments and advice by the NHS following heart attacks - via MailOnline

Poor delivery of diabetes education fuelling devastating complications - via DiabetesUK

Sepsis should be treated with same urgency as heart attacks, says Nice - via Independent

Making patients feel stupid is a treatment all doctors should eschew | Ranjana Srivastava - via guardian

Vulnerable adults at risk as councils face £1bn social care shortfall - via guardian

Listen to parents of sick children even if tests show no cause for alarm, NHS tells doctors - via guardian

Life-saving’ course on managing diabetes benefiting few patients - via guardian

Report: The Role of Vanguards in the Development of New NHS Commissioning Structures - via NHIS

‘Vanguards’ trial new care models to transform NHS - via PharmaTimes

Closing the health gap - How housing can play its part in reducing health inequalities - via HousingLIN

Survey: Most Canadians want, but do not use, digital health tools - via MobiHealthNews

The big vision for Diabetes Digital Coach - via WEAHSN

8 Reasons Seniors Should Consider a Robotic Pet - via Caring
Post-Brexit – it’s time to bring in the technocrats | David Walker - via guardian

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