Telecare LIN	**News Headlines: 28 May 2015**

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 were over 1500 links of interest during April 2015 with over 100 journal articles – 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 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 UK News Headlines this week

(i) Queen's Speech - extract

"In England, my government will secure the future of the National Health Service by implementing the National Health Service's own 5 year plan, by increasing the health budget, integrating healthcare and social care, and ensuring the National Health Service works on a 7 day basis. Measures will be introduced to improve access to general practitioners and to mental healthcare". (*Queen's Speech*)

(ii) Health Secretary, Jeremy Hunt has outlined his priorities in a post-election speech at the King's Fund. The NHS would receive the proposed £8bn a year, as outlined in the Conservative party's election manifesto, but this money was going to come from cuts to other government departments. In addition, the NHS would have to find £22bn of efficiencies.

(iii) Some UK patients will be able to send data such as exercise charts, blood pressure readings, and asthma information directly into their electronic records with the help of the free Emis mobile app.

(iv) Kian Saneii's U.S. company has developed a TV-based platform (Independa) where caregivers and family members can use a web portal or mobile app to video chat, send Facebook messages and photos, set up appointments/medication reminders and play games. The system can also interface with blood-pressure monitoring devices, scales and glucometers, and can serve as a door sensor and emergency-alert system.

(v) A new report from the Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR) assesses progress made by local authorities in setting up 'Amazon-style' e-marketplaces to meet Care Act duties to provide choice for self-funders and personal budget holders.

(vi) The Wall Street Journal has an article on the value of under-mattress sensors in hospital beds to check vital signs such as heart rate and breathing as well as bed exits.

(vii) Web GP from the Hurley Group is expanding and could reach 2m UK patients over the next year.

(viii) From the U.S.: The VA is 'building' a virtual medical centre. The project brings together simulation training, telehealth and modern-day gaming technology and graphics.

(ix) A recent UK journal article considers that users need to be more involved in the development of technology services. Awareness needs to be raised using information about various technologies that need to be customisable and adaptable. The Authors also consider that services need to align with the individual's social support network and there needs to be a high degree of information sharing and coordination.

(x) Digital wellness and telemedicine platform Fruit Street Health has chosen Validic's digital health platform to access more than 175 wearable devices and applications into its telehealth software, personal health record and HIPAA compliant video conferencing platform. (HITConsultant article),

Upcoming Telecare/Telehealth/Digital Health events:

June 2015

FT Digital Health Summit – 10 June, London https://live.ft.com/Events/2015/FT-Digital-Health-Summit-Europe

Caring Together to transform health and wellbeing… delivered through TECS 12 June, Macclesfield https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/caring-together-to-transform-health-and-wellbeing-delivered-through-tecs-tickets-16749351762

International Digital Health and Care Congress – The King's Fund 16/17 June 2015 – http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/events/digital-health-and-care-congress-2015

Health and Care 2015, London, 24-25 June 2015 http://www.healthpluscare.co.uk/

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