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 crowdfund 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) From next year, for the first time, new ‘Ofsted style’ ratings will show patients how their local area’s health service is performing in crucial areas, including:

- cancer
- dementia
- diabetes
- mental health
- learning disabilities
- maternity care

The new ratings, broken down by Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), will not only be based on local data but will also be verified by experts. ([DH article](http://www.telecarelin.org.uk)).

(ii) The Department of Health are consulting on the NHS Mandate for 2016-17.

(iii) There is a Digital Health News [Interview](http://www.telecarelin.org.uk) with Tim Kelsey ahead of EHILive next week.

(iv) ‘Wales looks to develop more telecare services’ - [Health IT Central](http://www.telecarelin.org.uk)
’The UK government and the health service must engage with GPs and the public if the care.data programme is to go ahead’ – Dame Fiona Caldicott (Digital Health News).

The different internet networks used by the NHS and social care are a barrier to providing integrated care, according to the Local Government Association (Digital Health News).

‘It’s not too late to turn the NHS apps library disaster into an opportunity’ - The Conversation

The Minister for the Cabinet Office spoke recently at the Institute for Government on how digital transformation improves government services.

Hampshire County Council is set to cut 163 adult social care jobs as part of its plans to reduce a £98 million budget gap anticipated by 2017/18. The job cuts in adult social care are due to come from a more efficient ‘operating model’ with increased use of technology and client self-service - Community Care Article.

Tim Kelsey has told Digital Health News the commissioning board will write to trusts in November to kick off the first baseline self-assessment for a new ‘digital maturity index’. NHS England announced plans in September to put CCGs in charge of defining how their local economies will achieve the ambition of being paper-free at the point of care by 2020.

Events List - 2015

November

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

Community Care Live, London, 3-4 November 2015 http://www.communitycare.co.uk/live/

ForumOxford: Internet of Things Conference 2015, Oxford, 6 November 2015 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=00a02790000QI0wi7x5CK000009rqYiEvG77YHdgsMEgVJA--

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


December

UK HealthTech, Cardiff, 1 December 2015 http://www.ukhealthtech.com/

Regional Health Insights Events - interoperability:

- 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/]

Dallas events:

- Manchester 12 November 2015
- Cardiff 17 November 2015
- Belfast 25 November 2015
- Glasgow 9 December 2015

[https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/dallas-delivering-innovation-for-health-and-wealth-tickets-18775280369]

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