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 5000 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.

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Some UK News Headlines this week

(i) Patient safety is at risk because of increasing GP workloads in the UK, the RCGP are warning (BBC News).

(ii) A bug in the Android mobile operating system has been discovered by researchers, who say it affects nearly a billion devices. The flaw can be exploited by sending a photo or video message to a person’s smartphone, without any action by the receiver (BBC News).

(iii) Microsoft 365 is the first non-NHS email service to meet the secure health and social care email standard ISB1596, allowing users to send sensitive patient information (Digital Health Intelligence).

(iv) Chelsea and Westminster Hospital staff are using an electronic observations tool on mobile devices for faster detection of deteriorating patients in its acute assessment unit after completing a six-month trial within the department (Digital Health Intelligence).
(v) NHS England Chief Executive Simon Stevens and the NHS Five Year Forward View partners have announced eight new vanguards that will launch the transformation of urgent and emergency care for more than nine million people.

(vi) ‘Do the latest wave of health apps really improve patient care?’ (Guardian article).

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