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

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

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.

**Headlines**

(i) Wearables had a varied year in 2015, with a lot of hype and a few big winners streaking ahead of the field, leaving plenty of also-rans struggling to stand out (Techcrunch).

(ii) ‘Guilt trip’ text messages telling patients how much missed appointments cost the NHS could save taxpayer £200 million a year (Daily Mail).

(iii) NHS clampdown on staffing agencies saves millions of pounds (DH).

(iv) Gadgets around us will keep getting smarter, like it or not (Japan Today)

(v) Airstrip and IBM aim to rebuild the world of medicine (Venture Beat).

(vi) 4 Patient-Centric Uses for the Healthcare Internet of Things (Health IT Analytics).

(vii) The NHS and Data: not yet in the 21st century (Stephen Black on LinkedIn).


(ix) ‘Cyberchondriacs’ clogging up A&E after googling their symptoms and worrying that they’re seriously ill (Daily Mail).
(x) Small business in the spotlight … HomeTouch - Jamie Wilson, a dementia physician, launched a digital service that allows older people to choose their own carers (Guardian).

(xi) New York City is trying to turn payphones into the world's biggest and fastest municipal Wi-Fi network (Business Insider).

(xii) The digital revolution: eight technologies that will change health and care (Kings Fund).

(xiii) Fitbit could face class-action suit over heart rate monitoring accuracy (Verge).

(xiv) Facebook's “free internet” programme hits a roadblock in India (Economist).

(xv) Better Care Fund scheme to improve hospital discharges in Cornwall appears to have opposite effect (BBC News).

(xvi) Robot suit designed to make you feel 100 years old (Quartz).

(xvii) CES 2016: Running list of health and wellness devices (Mobihealthnews).

(xviii) NHS Choices online traffic in 2015 - 583m visits in 2015 – (NHS Choices).

(xix) Digital healthcare services in 2016 (and beyond) (Mobihealthnews).

(xx) 7 technologies we want to see more of in 2016 (MedTechJe).

(xxi) UK - New Internet of Things Research Hub announced via IoTUKNews.

(xxii) Implementation of new IT system at Hull and East Yorkshire Hospitals - via Hull Daily Mail.

(xxiii) Digital health: so near, yet so far by Roz Davies.

(xxiv) New Segway transforms into robot companion when you’re not riding it (Guardian)

(xxv) BBC News - Cross-party review ‘needed for health and care.

(xxvi) SE Ambulance Trust uses forms on iPads (Digital Health News).

(xxvii) Good Practice Guide to Telecare Asset Management launched (TSA).
(xxviii) New info zone for people living with heart conditions launched in Scotland (SCTT).

(xxix) New York's old payphones to become LinkNYC free public wi-fi stations (FastCoExist).

(xxx) AT&T is updating its system for monitoring patient health remotely (Verge).

( xxxi) SafeWander wearable enables tracking of elderly to help prevent falls (iMedicalApps).

( xxxi) St. Jude Medical launches app that enables patients to manage implanted spinal cord stimulation device in real time (iMedicalApps).

( xxxi) Lumosity to Pay $2m to Settle FTC Deceptive Advertising Charges for Its “Brain Training” Program (FTC).

( xxxiv) Study: Assessing the Impact of #Telemedicine on Nursing Care in Intensive Care Units.

( xxxv) Increasing numbers of people from care homes ending up in hospital (Telegraph).

( xxxvi) Under Armour Launches Portfolio of Connected Fitness Products At #CES2016 (Forbes).

( xxxvii) Fitbit #CES2016: Fitbit Blaze modular smart fitness watch announced (Trusted Reviews).

( xxxviii) NHS IT funds to come from transformation pot (Digital Health News).

( xxxix) CES 2016: O2 to offer AT&T’s ‘digital life’ smart-home platform in UK (IBT).

( xi) Reducing missed hospital appointments using text messages (DH).

( xii) Diabetes now affects more than 4 million people in UK, charity says’ (Guardian).

( xlii) Ten years on from the WSD: is the future brighter for telehealth? (Telecare Aware).

( xliii) Omron Healthcare at #CES2016: “Heart monitors must advance beyond tracking numbers” (PR Newswire).

( xliv) Omron Have Squeezed an Inflatable Blood Pressure Monitor Into a Watch' (Gizmodo).

( xlv) 'BBC News - Mark Zuckerberg to build AI to help at home and work.
(xlvi) Can a phone app for sugar content of foods encourage healthy eating? (BBC News).

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