Welcome to the March/April 2010 newsletter. The Telecare Learning and Improvement Network (LIN) is responsible for providing general implementation support to organisations building their telecare and telehealth programmes in England.

Registered DH Care Networks telecare membership is now over 6000 (an increase of 2500 since July 2008). The newsletter also goes out to the Housing Network (5500 contacts). The February newsletter had over 9000 click-throughs.

All telecare newsletters are archived at: www.dhcarenetworks.org.uk/telecarenewsletters

If you are an organisation implementing telecare or telehealth in England and have an interesting local telecare or telehealth story for inclusion in a future newsletter then e-mail Mike Clark at telecare@dhcarenetworks.org.uk

If you would like up to date information about the Whole System Demonstrator Programme and the development of the evidence base for telecare and telehealth then go to www.wsdactionnetwork.org.uk

There is free registration on both web sites.

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Headlines for February 2010

Item 1 covers the publication of the recent White Paper on Social Care (Building the National Care Service). In addition, a local authority circular covers the final year of the transformation funding.

Item 2 Booking is now available for the next event at the Newcastle Gateshead Hilton on 30 June 2010. A detailed programme will be available around a month before the event.

Item 3 Briefing papers on innovation and commissioning are currently being planned. If you have any examples of evaluations and the use of telecare and telehealth within specific care pathways, then please get in touch if you have not already done so. We have extended the deadline to 30 April.

Item 4 The telehealth Google map has been updated recently to cover new PCT projects and recently published outcomes. Also, a new map covering evaluations has been started and is being made public for the first time. Again, if you have examples that you are happy to share, please let us know (telecare@dhcarenetworks.org.uk)

Item 5 A publicity programme has commenced as part of the National Dementia Strategy to help raise awareness.

Item 6 lists some further Department of Health publications that may be of interest.

Item 7 provides a monthly roundup of news articles and links from around the world in the fields of telecare, telehealth and telemedicine

Item 8 provides information about upcoming events

Note: DH Care Networks is not responsible for the content of external links and does not endorse any suppliers or their products. Any claims made by organisations should be carefully evaluated as part of normal commissioning and procurement arrangements.
1 Building the National Care Service (DH, 30 March 2010)

Prepared by Mike Clark

On 30 March 2010, the Government published a White Paper entitled ‘Building the National Care Service’. The document contains numerous references to telecare and technology (see box below).

Telecare references in the White Paper

Page 16 - Housing
“….We have already begun to deliver a range of support for people at home, from technology and adaptations in people’s homes to offering attractive, well-equipped homes with a community ethos that can cater for individual care and support needs as they develop, for example Extra Care Housing…”.

Page 22 – Quality framework
“……We therefore believe that this quality framework should be based on seven principles:

• Stay ahead – by using research, technology and innovation to foster a pioneering National Care Service….”

Page 32
“….Adult social care services are available to all those with an assessed care need subject to a local authority means test. This includes services such as meals on wheels, social work, domiciliary care (care for people in their own homes), care homes, counselling, occupational therapy and support for carers including short-term breaks. Adult social care also includes recent developments such as telecare and re-ablement…”
What are the different types of care and support?

"....Personal care – the care you need to assist you with tasks of daily living such as bathing, eating a meal or getting out of bed. This care can take place at home or in residential care.

Home care – the care that is provided at home. This usually includes personal care, but can also include some non-personal care such as help with cleaning, shopping, or washing clothes.

Community care – the care that is provided in the community such as meals on wheels, day centres, short-term respite care, equipment, adaptations and telecare.

Residential care – personal care that is provided in an establishment which also provides residential accommodation....."

However, we know that over the next 20 years we will see new challenges on a scale that care and support has never had to grapple with:

- demographic changes
- changes in technology
- changing expectations
- economic conditions...

The advances in healthcare that mean more people are living into extreme old age have also meant that younger people with disabilities and chronic health conditions are now living longer. And as well as surviving, advances in care and technology mean that people with high levels of disability and illness can be more active and more engaged in society than ever before.

As well as changes in the number of people needing care, we can also expect to see a revolution in the way that care and support is provided.

Thirty years ago, nobody outside a computer lab had thought of email and very few people had mobile phones. Now these innovations are such an integral part of our lives that it is hard to imagine life without them.

Technologies are already making their way into care and support: from remote digital cameras that enable care workers to see and talk to a person frequently throughout the day, to talking alarm clocks that can remind someone when it is time to take medication or make a cup of tea....

Ex-nurse Jill, 77 years old, is registered blind and has a frail physique from childhood polio. As a result, she is prone to falls. Though she has a carer who comes twice a week to help her around the home, a concern for her is being at home alone if she has an accident with nobody there to help her. In 2008, she had two falls at home, which prompted her to seek an alternative solution.

Jill now has a pendant she can press if she needs assistance, a heat detector in the kitchen to warn of high temperatures, and a radio pull cord in the bathroom.

She said, “Because of my nursing experience I was thrilled to hear these things were being developed to help protect vulnerable people and help them maintain their dignity so they can feel like they are still capable of carrying on themselves. Now I can have a bath on my own. I feel safer and it helps me to retain my independence...."
Page 50 Whole System Demonstrator Programme
"…The Department of Health is currently managing a two-year evaluation of the use of telecare and telehealth – with over 6,000 participants, it is the largest randomised control trial of telecare and telehealth technologies in the world, and is expected to report in early 2011.

It is safe to imagine that the pace of technological change that we have seen over the last 20 years will continue, and that by 2030 the kinds of technology that will be available to us will be far beyond anything we know at the moment. Those using the care and support system will increasingly expect technology to play a part in helping them decide what care to choose and helping to improve their quality of life, and the care and support sector will need to be positioned to take advantage of these innovations…"

Page 69 Prevention
"…For older people, the focus may lie on preventing any need worsening through initiatives such as fall prevention services or telecare…"

Page 76 Telecare gives greater independence
"Before telecare my family would come round and check on me every night. Having telecare has given me independence and my family peace of mind; they no longer worry about me or feel the need to check on me. I can also go out and play poker without them knowing!” said Steve, who uses telecare…"

Submitted by Tunstall to Images of Care and Support

Page 79 Housing
"…In the context of an ageing society it is vital that high quality local housing options are available that meet people’s needs and aspirations, while supporting them to live independently and well. A range of support is already available, from technology and adaptations in people’s homes to offering well-equipped homes with a community ethos that can cater for individual care and support needs as they develop, for example Extra Care Housing…"

Page 83 Bristol City Council
"…Bristol City Council runs Care Direct, a service for vulnerable adults, older and disabled people, their families, friends and carers. It provides information about – and access to – social services, benefits, and other statutory and independent resources, as well as being a point of contact for anyone who has concerns about a vulnerable person. This information and advice can be accessed by phone and on the Bristol City Council website. Bristol is also making use of new technology, developing an interactive website for council and community support brokers to access local information for support planning. The council’s Digital Inclusion project is working in partnership with a range of other organisations, including NHS Bristol, to enable people to access council and health services via their TV…"

Page 90 Public response to the Consultation
"…Prevention, including telecare and re-ablement, will help to improve quality of life and will reduce support needs…."

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"…A greater emphasis on preventative services, and the use of assistive technology, can give greater peace of mind for those providing care…"

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"…When someone’s care plan is designed, prevention services such as telecare will be a fundamental part of their package, wherever they live…"
Page 108
"...We will need to respond to personalisation, and balance people increasingly making choices for themselves with the need to ensure that people are safe and protected. People’s expectations are also likely to rise, and they may demand carers who have a greater understanding of their particular condition. Many people may also want to take advantage of the benefits offered by assistive technology…”

Page 112
"National Care Service quality framework should be shaped around seven core elements shown in the diagram below:

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Stay ahead – by using research, technology and innovation to foster a pioneering National Care Service
"...We want the National Care Service to be built on sound, well-evidenced and innovative research. We want to take advantage of the latest advances in technology, learn lessons from other countries and invest in what has been shown to work.

The Technology Strategy Board is currently looking at assistive technologies and how people’s lives can be improved through better design and application of technology…”

Page 132
"...Building on and extending existing efficiency plans and drawing on external research, the Government intends to use new forms of service delivery, the adoption of new technology and more provision of care in the home, shared management structures and joint working in the provision of care, consistent with the vision set out in the groundbreaking Total Place: A Whole Area Approach to Public Services….”

Page 158 Telecare/telehealth
"...Technological innovations that can provide the care and reassurance people need to allow them to remain living in their own homes…”


The White Paper envisages a number of stages in developing the National Care Service (see box).

A special White Paper issue of the Social Care Bulletin has also been published.
Three stages envisaged by the White Paper

Stage One

- Build on the best of the current system through reforms that are already underway and deliver the Personal Care at Home Bill.

Stage Two

- From 2014 extend the coverage of free care so that people will receive free care if they need to stay in residential care for more than two years.
- Set up a commission to support consensus and advise the Government on the fairest and most sustainable way that people can make their contribution to a care system which is free when they need it.
- Set up a National Care Service Leadership Group of expert stakeholders who will advise Government on the implementation of the National Care Service, focusing on the systems and business processes that need to be put in place to make the National Care Service a reality.
- Introduce a National Care Service Bill to set the legal foundations of the National Care Service.
- Enshrine in law for the first time nationally consistent eligibility criteria for social care helping to remove the postcode lottery of care that exists now.
- Push forward with the prevention agenda and continue the drive towards personal budgets so that by 2012 everyone who would benefit from a personal budget will have one.
- Ensure accurate, relevant and accessible information about what people are entitled to, how the assessment process works and how to access care services is provided to everyone.
- We want to improve the gateway for accessing social care and disability benefits to make simpler and easier for people.
- Introduce a quality framework including a body to drive up quality in social care.

Stage Three

- The introduction of a comprehensive National Care Service that is free when they need it for all adults with an eligible care need, funded by contributions.

Press release – Launch of the National Care Service
http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/MediaCentre/Pressreleasesarchive/DH_114951

The Department of Health has also issued LAC(DH)(2010)1 covering the final year's allocations of the Social Care Reform Grant. There are telecare references in the circular.

The final year of revenue money (£237 million) has been ring fenced by the Department, so that it should be used for supporting the process of transformation. In addition, non ring-fenced capital monies have also been allocated this year.

This includes:
- £30m allocated to local authorities as a capital investment grant, to support delivering personal budgets and transformation in adult social care; and
- an allocation of £20,000 to each council with adult social service responsibilities to develop innovative strategies and approaches to extra care housing

This year's funding should enable local authorities to deliver the transformation envisaged in Putting People First.

Link:
http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Lettersandcirculars/LocalAuthorityCirculars/DH_114788

2 Whole System Demonstrator Action Network (WSDAN) – Newcastle event – now booking (30 June 2010)

Prepared by Mike Clark

Booking is now available for the Newcastle event. This is the seventh in the series of events around the country to disseminate the learning from the Whole System Demonstrator Programme and provide opportunities for organisations to showcase their progress in telecare and telehealth implementation.

Booking arrangements for 30 June 2010 at the Newcastle Gateshead Hilton can be found at the following link and detailed programme information will be available about a month before the event: http://www.dhcarenetworks.org.uk/events/

If you are registered with the WSDAN web site, you can get up to date information about the programme together with features and presentations from previous events (see box). The site also hosts the evidence database for telecare and telehealth.
Latest news from WSDAN Programme (March 2010) – register to get email notifications

Registration: (http://www.wsdactionnetwork.org.uk/about_wsdan/register_for_updates.html)

Our regular news from the DH’s Whole System Demonstrator includes answers to some of the most frequently asked questions about the WSD programme.

Our latest features include a report on telecare and dementia, from a presentation delivered at our recent Roadshow on 11 February 2010 by Professor Jane Gilliard. We also have a report on critically reviewing telecare and telehealth evidence, and a contribution from the Social Care Institute for Excellence on telecare and telehealth ethics.

Keep up to date with Network activities through WSDAN Progress, this month reviewing WSDAN’s sixth Roadshow event.

The WSDAN web site provides daily news and a searchable evidence database with 300 journal articles covering telecare, telehealth and telemedicine.

Evidence database: http://kingsfundlibrary.co.uk/wsdan/

3 Information request – Telecare and Telehealth Briefing Papers

Prepared by Mike Clark

The briefing papers will be published over the coming months as part of the developing evidence base and will include major reviews of the literature. This work is being completed in conjunction with the WSD evaluation team.
The briefing papers will include examples of innovation and good practice as well as case studies from the programme and from around the world.

We are continuing to look for documented examples of product and service innovation (including how barriers and challenges have been overcome), service commissioning, integrated and partnership working, interoperability, business and strategic planning for working at scale as well as the involvement of users and patients in the design of products and services.

We are particularly interested in examples where there has been an independent evaluation of a programme as we are updating our national project and evaluation listings for future publication. If you have an audit or independent evaluation either completed or underway, we would be very interested to hear from you.

If you are able to respond to this information request then please send your contributions to Mike Clark at telecare@dhcarenetworks.org.uk. We look forward to hearing from you by 30 April 2010.

A special thank you to everyone that has already been in touch with updated information.

If you would like to keep up to date with the WSD programme or use the evidence database then register at www.wsdactionnetwork.org.uk

4 Google maps update

Prepared by Mike Clark

The PCT telehealth map has been updated with some of the recent announcements since January 2010. An additional map is also now available. This starts to cover known telecare and telehealth evaluations in England and will include any examples submitted that are in the public domain. If you have embedded telecare and telehealth into your local policies, pathways and procedures or carried out a local evaluation that you are happy to share with others then let Mike Clark know at telecare@dhcarenetworks.org.uk.

A telecare map has been available since 2008 and will be further updated in Summer 2010.

Links:
PCT Telehealth Map:
http://maps.google.co.uk/maps/ms?hl=en&ie=UTF8&msa=0&msid=100406857045032193451.00047bfad6341183c8523&ll=54.329338,-1.604004&spn=8.052625,18.676758&z=6

Telecare and Telehealth Evaluation Map:
http://maps.google.co.uk/maps/ms?hl=en&ie=UTF8&msa=0&msid=100406857045032193451.000481bfd3b6cc58babe&ll=52.66972,-1.955566&spn=8.373034,18.676758&z=6

Telecare Services Map:
http://maps.google.co.uk/maps/ms?hl=en&ie=UTF8&msa=0&msid=100406857045032193451.0004540c223f16f2d1c9d&ll=52.842595,-1.867676&spn=8.339986,18.676758&z=6
5 Dementia Campaign

A publicity campaign has been launched as part of the National Dementia Strategy.

Link:  
http://www.nhs.uk/dementia/Pages/Dementia.aspx

6 DH publications

Mike Clark reports on the latest DH publications that may be of interest

a) Health Profile of England 2009 (DH 31 March 2010)

The Health Profile of England (HPoE) provides national and regional data, which local areas can compare against their own Health Profiles. There is a section of international comparisons. The HPoE is intended for public service professionals and officials within the local community.


c) DH Response on Health Select Committee on Social Care (March 2010)

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/MediaCentre/Statementsarchive/DH_113915

Also, Health Select Committee report on social care

Main link:
http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200910/cmselect/cmhealth/22/2202.htm
“197. As we have noted, our evidence indicated that a significant weakness in the current social care system is the lack of a major and coherent focus on prevention. We were told about the benefits that could accrue from certain interventions, such as Telecare and falls prevention, and the particular importance for prevention of appropriate housing provision, integrated with social care. Mr Harrop, of Age Concern and Help the Aged, also underlined the importance of involving agencies beyond social care and suggested some of the cost should be borne by them, particularly the NHS “because they get an awful lot of the benefits from both primary and secondary prevention”

Link: http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200910/cmselect/cmhealth/22/2208.htm

d) Headline - New study to drive further improvements in health care for the most vulnerable (March 2010)

Link: http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/MediaCentre/Pressreleasesarchive/DH_113854

e) Principles and rules for cooperation and competition/ Primary care trust procurement guidance for health services (DH 25 March 2010)

f) Government’s response on personal care at home consultation (DH, March 2010)

g) Headline - Ready to go? Planning the discharge and the transfer of patients from hospital and intermediate care (DH, March 2010)

![Ready to go? Planning the discharge and the transfer of patients from hospital and intermediate care](image)


## 7 News and links

**News from around the world covering telecare, telehealth and related areas of interest to commissioners, service providers, suppliers and other organisations – prepared by Mike Clark**

**Telecare**

West Norfolk scheme proves handy for vulnerable people
[http://www.lynnnews.co.uk/news/West-Norfolk-scheme-proves-handy.6095687.jp](http://www.lynnnews.co.uk/news/West-Norfolk-scheme-proves-handy.6095687.jp)

Giving care and reassurance in Birmingham (Telecare case studies)

Essex Telecare Home Safety Service
Essex Telecare Home Safety Service Survey Scope  
http://www.scie-socialcareonline.org.uk/profile.asp?guid=b7c28ab3-54e2-46df-a104-8e5d3708ba03

Milton Keynes Falls Management Pathway  

Russet Homes residents take a peek behind the scenes (Invicta Telecare)  

Effective support for people with Alzheimer’s and their carers (Tunstall Blog)  
http://tunstall-telehealthcare.blogspot.com/2010/03/effective-support-for-people-with.html

GPS dementia tagging: is it too demeaning? (Community Care)  
http://www.communitycare.co.uk/Articles/2010/03/03/113920/gps-dementia-tagging-is-it-too-demeaning.htm

Newham Homes Survey  

Introducing the iKey – Apple’s answer to the humble door key  
http://www.telegraph.co.uk/technology/apple/7384077/Introducing-the-iKey-Apples-answer-to-the-humble-door-key.html

House of Commons Debate

Anne McIntosh:
The Secretary of State will be aware that North Yorkshire is going down the path of allowing people to remain in their own homes. What does he say to GPs who will say to the Department that in rural areas such as North Yorkshire it is very difficult for carers to visit and deliver care to as many homes as they
might in urban areas? That is a great challenge that we face in delivering personal care in people’s own homes.

Andy Burnham:
I certainly agree and the hon. Lady makes an important point. The different geography and demography of local communities mean that home care will be more suitable in some areas than in others. However, in an area such as North Yorkshire, I think that telecare will have an important part to play in ensuring that people can be monitored daily without their having to travel to a clinic or hospital. There is great potential in this field, although of course it must be a local decision. It must not be imposed on people but, where people want it, it can be convenient for the public and can provide value for money for the taxpayer.

House of Commons Debate on 23 February 2010
http://www.parliament.the-stationery-office.co.uk/pa/cm200910/cmhansrd/cm100223/debtext/100223-0003.htm

Providing a caring link to the Wakefield community for 20 years


Reliance High-Tech and buddi Track Riders on Dallaglio Cycle Slam
http://www.prnewswire.co.uk/cgi/news/release?id=280821

Free Telecare Home Safety Solutions Deliver Real Benefits to Thousands of Residents in Essex

Free Telecare Home Safety Service helps Essex elderly to live safely at home
Prevention – Telecare Service, Selby

http://careandsupport.direct.gov.uk/casestudies/2010/03/prevention-telecare-service-selby/

Carecall flies the flag of quality


Halton telecare evaluation

http://councillors.halton.gov.uk/mgConvert2PDF.asp?ID=10487
Norman Lamb MP Sees Benefits of Telecare Solutions Liberal Democrat Shadow Health Secretary visits Norfolk telecare user

Prevention – Telecare Service, Cheshire East
http://serkadis.com/index/447670

Monitoring your parents’ falls

See £4m telecare announcement in Scotland in headlines. The Recipe for Assessments – More on falls
http://thetelecareblog.blogspot.com/2010/03/recipe-for-assessments-more-on-falls.html

Lifeline grows with broader patient monitoring

Tax on safety angers oaps (Doncaster charges for telecare)
http://www.thestar.co.uk/doncaster/Tax-on-safety-angers-oaps.6172967.jp

Philips Lifeline with auto alert option (USA - video)

Hi-tech help to keep older people at home (Scotland)
http://scottishhealthcare.co.uk/scottish-government/scottish-government-announces-4-million-investment-in-telecare-for-older-people/

£4 million investment in telecare (Scotland)
http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2010/03/26162948

Government Whitepaper ‘Building the National Care Service’ Highlights Importance of Telecare

AKW offer support to Coventry Assessment Centre
LTCs

COPD strategy focuses on identification and self management

Exercise Can Ease Anxiety Associated With COPD

Patient Beliefs And Experiences Predict Adherence To COPD Medication

People With Prediabetes Not Taking Adequate Precautions to Avoid Diabetes
http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2010/03/100302083454.htm

GPs to play central role in COPD screening drive
http://www.pulsetoday.co.uk/story.asp?sectioncode=35&storycode=4125173&c=2

Telehealth

Headline - NHS Direct/SE Essex Telemonitoring Project – results from project and further NHS Direct activities
http://www.telecareaware.com/index.php/nhsd-se-essex-telemonitoring-project.html

Technology for the evolving world of consumer health
http://www.e-health-insider.com/comment_and_analysis/574/technology_for_the_evolving_world_of_consumer_h

Retraining IT Technicians to Help the Elderly use Telehealth Technology (Vermont)

Telehealth Pilot Project Reduces Hospital Admissions

Telehealth systems help patients communicate with their doctors
New NHS trial hopes to improve patient care (Kirklees)

New ‘emotional networking’ product aims to complement telehealth

http://www.emota.net/home.html

Study looking at off-site care for patients at home (New Mexico)
http://www.statepress.com/2010/03/10/study-looking-at-off-site-care-for-patients-at-home/

Using video conferencing to augment care for the elderly in their homes
http://www.games-level.com/mobile-phones/secure-telehealth-physical-behavioral-collaboration/

The H’andy sana 210 is a mobile phone that includes an application called “Heart Suite” This allow a person to take their Electrocardiogram (ECG) instantly from anyplace and send it to the hospital or doctor for interpretation. It offers health suite services to store data like blood pressure, cholesterol, blood glucose and ECG monitoring.

http://www.handy-sana.com/

GE, Philips, Intel, Mayo Clinic: Why do this telehealth study again and again?

Telemedicine Can Enhance Lives of Chronically Ill Patients
Netwell Centre in Ireland to conduct telehealth trial using Bosch Telehealth Plus System


Hi-tech system offers health checks through your mobile

http://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/yourtown/oxford/5059071.Hi_tech_system_offers_health_checks_through_your_mobile/

Telehealth gives remote control

http://www.publicservice.co.uk/feature_story.asp?id=13642

Scottish Parliament calls for telehealth expansion - MSPs want to widen telehealth's range

http://www.smarthealthcare.com/scottish-parliament-telehealth-committee-report-nhs24-12mar10

Scots MPs criticised slow progress on IT

http://www.ehiprimarycare.com/news/5723/scots_mps_criticise_slow_progress_on_it

Heart Patients Stay Healthy in Their Own Home

http://your4state.com/content/fulltext/?cid=103261

NY BlueCross To Cover Telehealth Services - Telehealth services enabled via American Well's Online Care system are coming to BlueCross Blue Shield in upstate New York.


Telehealth Solutions Embraces a Greener Future


Hi-tech alternative to nurse home visit


Telehealth gives remote control

http://www.publicservice.co.uk/feature_story.asp?id=13642

New five year plan to improve health and health care in Newcastle, North Tyneside and Northumberland
“1000 people on Telehealth solutions and 2000 people on OwnHealth solutions”

http://www.northoftyne.nhs.uk/publications/strategic-plan/

Mobile health

UPMC Creates E-Health App for BlackBerry Smartphones
http://www.eweek.com/c/a/Health-Care-IT/UPMC-Creates-EHealth-App-for-BlackBerry-Smartphones-820733/

The Dazzling Future of mHealth
http://ndn.org/blog/2010/03/dazzling-future-mhealth

Mayo Clinic Introduces Two Consumer Mobile Applications
http://www.yachtchartersmagazine.com/node/1302997

Technology Cornerstones to Support Tomorrow’s Healthcare System

Mobile boom fuels health work in developing countries
http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/technology/8560310.stm

Mobile App Targets Patients, Providers

Remote Health Care: Body Parts Make Phone Calls
http://www.businessweek.com/magazine/content/10_15/b4173054256568.htm

Why the phone is now the doctor in your pocket
O2 unveils new M-Health division

O2 jumps on mobile health bandwagon

Temperature Rising for Mobile Health at International CTIA Wireless 2010
http://wireless.sys-con.com/node/1313680

mHealth sectors healthy opportunities – same old claims same old problems
http://www.glgroup.com/News/m-health-sectors-healthy-opportunities----Same-old-claims-same-old-problems-47043.html

Remote monitoring devices prevent complications of chronic diseases
http://www.pressofatlanticcity.com/life/monday_health/article_1333e585-e3a6-5ba8-a411-75530f6b63cf.html

Healthy technologies (Ericsson)
http://www.arabianbusiness.com/583131-healthy-technologies

MedApps video on Fox Business News

Wireless mobile health solutions on the radar at CTIA Wireless 2010
http://www.ctiawireless.com/

Sprint to offer patients wireless lifelines

American National Broadband Plan: “Mobile health is a new frontier in health innovation”
FCC – National Broadband Plan (USA) – Healthcare Chapter (pdf download)

TMNG Global study touts mobile technology’s potential role in health care
http://kansascity.bizjournals.com/kansascity/stories/2010/03/15/daily57.html

FCC, FDA to work on effective mHealth regulation
http://mobihealthnews.com/6945/fcc-fda-to-work-on-effective-mhealth-regulation/

Still in its infancy, wireless technology is ripe for the medical device industry
Wireless Heart Rate Monitor Receives Go-To-Market Contract
http://www.prweb.com/releases/2010/03/prweb3745744.htm

FCC: Mobile Broadband and the Future of Health

West Wireless Health’s 2010 plans
http://mobihealthnews.com/6962/sneak-peek-west-wireless-healths-2010-plans/#more-6962

Report: mHealth had $1.5B in 2009 revenues
Mobile App Targets Patients, Providers

General

Assisted Living Innovation Platform 2010 Showcase Event – 13/14 May 2010, Brighton

Registration (there is a charge): www.eventsforce.net/alip510

Newer Blood Test Predicts Diabetes, Heart Disease - A1C outperforms fasting glucose in predicting heart disease and stroke risk, study finds
http://www.businessweek.com/lifestyle/content/healthday/636649.html
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Home telemonitoring for congestive heart failure: a systematic review and meta-analysis
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'GP federations' are the future of the NHS
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The future, though challenging, is an opportunity for innovation to make the NHS safer, of the highest quality, more efficient, more responsive and fit for purpose.

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NHS Confederation – Rising to the Challenge

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“…Patients and groups of patients need more support to manage their own conditions. National policy can help by commissioning training and education, evaluation of programmes and research to support new approaches. However, most of this has to be local and may be organised by patients or social enterprises. It could include: telecare and homecare services faster procurement of aids and home adaptations more responsive rehabilitation services that are more accessible to both patients and professionals….“
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Hi-tech solution to elderly care (£4m for telecare in Scotland)/Scotland's care bill could hit £8billion by 2031

“Currently, about 90,000 older people are receiving some kind of care, whether that be in their own home, a care home, or long-term hospital care. Ms Robison said that this figure would rise by 21% between 2006 and 2016, and by 62% by 2031.

According to Ms Robison, this would mean that an extra 23,000 people will need care by 2016. She said that along with growing the economy and tackling climate change, preparing for an increasingly elderly population is "one of our biggest national challenges".

A series of public meetings across Scotland is being planned as part of the Government’s Reshaping Care for Older People programme.

Ms Robison also said consideration needed to be given on how telecare technology, which helps older people remain in their homes, could be expanded. Those type of devices include vibrating 'rumble' pillows to alert those with hearing problems if there is a fire alarm and electronic reminders for people to take medication.

She said: “Technology can allow people to continue living independently when they might previously have had to go into a residential home. We know that is by far the preferred choice for older people - making telecare an important potential solution to the challenge we face.

"But we need to consider how we expand telecare, what technologies we must invest in, how else to help people stay out of institutional care wherever possible and how to provide better anticipatory and preventative care."

Thomas Smail, one of the residents Ms Robison visited at the Madelvic Square sheltered housing complex, described telecare as being a "great help". He said: "Among other things I have a vibrating pillow and a medicine carousel - these are both invaluable to me because they make life easier and safer as well."
Hi-tech devices to help older people remain independent in their own homes will be funded with a new grant from the Scottish government. Public Health Minister Shona Robison announced £4m of funding for the "vital" telecare technology. The devices include vibrating "rumble" pillows to alert people with hearing problems if there is a fire alarm, and electronic medication reminders. Funding is available for all 32 council areas and could help 13,000 people. Every local council and health board partnership is to be offered £120,000 to spend in 2010-11, but each authority has to provide match funding. A total of £16m has been invested in telecare technology since 2006, with 25,800 older people having benefited.

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Social Networks a Lifeline for the Chronically Ill


West Midlands Quitters Sign Up for Smokefree Quit Kits, Apps and Facebook

Smokers in the West Midlands are turning to iPhones, Facebook and NHS Quit Kits, to support them when they decide to quit. The NHS Quit Kit launched at the start of this year and since then more than 44,000 people in the West Midlands have ordered one.

The kit contains calming audio downloads, a tool to show how much money smokers could save by quitting, a helpful wall planner to track progress and a stress reliever ‘tangle’ as a distraction for hands used to holding a cigarette.

In addition the first official NHS Quit Smoking app for the iPhone and iPod Touch is now available free from iTunes, www.smokefree.nhs.uk and NHS Choices. The app provides daily hints and tips to manage cravings, shows quitters how much money they are saving as well as tracking the time since they gave up. It can also help put them in touch with trained stop smoking advisers to get more support if they need it.

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## Diary for telecare and telehealth events and conferences

### April


US: Conference on Telehealth and Remote Patient Monitoring for Hospitals and Health Systems 29-30 April 2010, Maryland USA

May


ATA 2010: 15th Annual International Meeting & Exposition May 16 - 18, 2010 - San Antonio
http://www.americantelemed.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageID=3696

eHealth: Transforming Health and Social Care Services Through Technology 27 May 2010
http://www.insidegovernment.co.uk/health/health-technology/


June

Building Effective Chronic Disease Management Programmes - 16-17 June, Brussels
http://www.chronicdiseasemanagement.eu/conference-agenda.php

NHS Confederation Annual Conference – 23-25 June 2010

WSDAN event in Newcastle Gateshead (Hilton) – 30 June 2010
Booking is now available. http://www.dhcarenetworks.org.uk/events/

October

Healthcare IT Exchange 2010
3-5 October 2010 http://www.healthcareitexchange.co.uk/

NHS Innovation Expo (Excel Centre) – 6/7 October 2010

http://www.healthcareinnovationexpo.com/
November
Global Telehealth 2010 (GT2010) – 10-12 November 2010, Perth, WA

UK Dementia Congress 2010, 9-11 November at the Bournemouth International Centre.
http://www.careinfo.org/uk-dementia-congress.php

WSDAN Events
Booking is now available for 30 June 2010 in Newcastle. http://www.dhcarenetworks.org.uk/events/

The Foundation for Assistive Technology (FAST) provides a full listing of forthcoming telecare events – see http://www.fastuk.org/services/events.php?pg=2. Suppliers also run telecare and telehealth events – check their web sites regularly for dates.

All previous telecare eNewsletters are available at: www.dhcarenetworks.org.uk/telecarenewsletters

Glossary:

ALIP – Assisted Living Innovation Platform
AT – Assistive Technology
CQC – Care Quality Commission
DCLG – Department for Communities and Local Government
i4i – Invention for Innovation
LIN – Learning and Improvement Network
POPP – Partnership for Older Peoples Projects
PT Grant or PTG – Preventative Technology Grant
SCIE – Social Care Institute for Excellence
TSA – Telecare Services Association
TSB – Technology Strategy Board
WSDAN – Whole System Demonstrator Action Network