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PCT Telehealth Map – now colour coded for long term condition:
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=100406857045032193451.000481bfda3b6cc58babe&ll=52.66972,-1.955566&spn=8.373034,18.676758&z=6

Telecare Services Map (currently being updated for new web sites and charging information):
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

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*

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www.wsdactionnetwork.org.uk
www.dhcarenetworks.org.uk

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1 News from the Department of Health including Social Care Vision

Prepared by Mike Clark

1) Vision for Adult Social Care (16 November 2010)

On Tuesday 16 November 2010, the Government launched its Vision for Adult Social Care: Capable Communities and Active Citizens and the consultation, Transparency in outcomes: a framework for adult social care. This follows on from the partnership agreement of the Consortium (made up of the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services, the Local Government Association and the Department of Health) - Think Local, Act Personal - launched at the National Children and Adult Services conference on 4 November. The partnership agreement focuses on the delivery of personalisation, developed together with the adult social care sector, service users and carers. In addition to this, the Consortium has also produced a number of best practice guides.
Alongside the Social Care Vision, the Department of Health has launched a consultation on Transparency in outcomes: a framework for adult social care - a new strategic approach to quality and outcomes in adult social care. This is an enabling framework which seeks to place outcomes at the heart of social care, improve quality in services, and empower citizens to hold their Councils to account for the services they provide. The consultation closes on 9 February 2011.

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A Vision for Adult Social Care: Capable Communities and Active Citizens
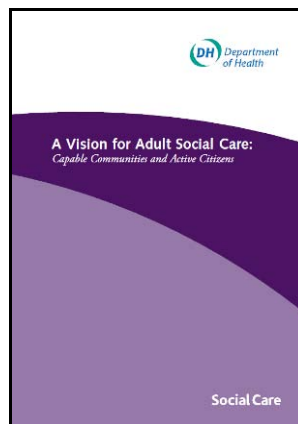
There are some telecare references in the vision document.

Page 13 Section 3.9
"New technology opens up new horizons for care. From community alarms to sophisticated communication systems, telecare can help people stay in their own homes and live independently for longer. Chapter 7 discusses its potential to save resources as well as promote independence".

Page 30, Sections 7.9 to 7.11

Providing care and support to meet people's goals

7.9 "…Providing people's care and support in the most appropriate and cost-effective way is vital. Self-evaluations from three councils indicate that adult social care departments could save at least 1.5 per cent per annum of their home and residential care spend by introducing integrated telecare support to people. North Yorkshire Council has led the way in embedding telecare services into its social care provision, saving around £1m per annum as a result.61

7.10 Assisted living is one of the most promising developments for ensuring the ageing population continues to be well served with high quality and affordable health and care services. Technologies such as telehealth help people with long-term conditions to better manage and understand their condition. They also provide daily information on health status to support more effective and timely clinical decisions. Telecare enables people to live at home independently for longer by providing technologies that make their homes more safe and secure.

7.11 Robust evidence on how to target telecare and telehealth to ensure both cost-effectiveness and successful outcomes is lacking. The £31m whole system demonstrator programme will start to address this problem. It is the largest ever randomised control trial of these technologies. Over 6,000 people across Kent, Cornwall and Newham are involved in testing assisted living services, and the evaluation by six of the UK's leading academic bodies will report in spring 2011. The results will inform the Department of Health's work with BIS on market shaping and the barriers to new technology entering the market, including assisted living…."

www.dh.gov.uk/prod_consum_dh/groups/dh_digitalassets/@dh/@en/@ps/documents/digitalasset/dh_121667.pdf

2) A consultation on proposals - Transparency in outcomes: a framework for adult social care
www.dh.gov.uk/en/Consultations/Liveconsultations/DH_121509

3) Think Local, Act Personal - Next Steps for Transforming Adult Social Care
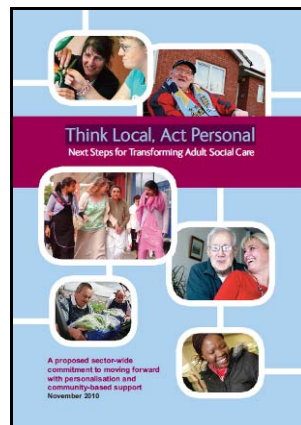
www.puttingpeoplefirst.org.uk/_library/PPF/NCAS/Partnership_Agreement_final_29_October_2010.pdf

4) Transparency in outcomes: a framework for adult social care - Your response to the consultation questions
www.dh.gov.uk/prod_consum_dh/groups/dh_digitalassets/@dh/@en/documents/digitalasset/dh_121663.doc

5) Practical approaches to improving the lives of disabled and older people through building stronger communities

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"…Reading has commissioned a range of services to reduce demand for social care and emergency hospital admissions and improve older people's health and well-being. These range from practical help for people after hospital or intermediate care discharge to services that aim to break down social isolation and identify unmet needs. A particularly innovative approach is the setting up of teleconferencing networks to develop people's social networks. So far there are four up and running, including one Polish group, one for the Indian community and a 'just home from hospital' group..."
www.dh.gov.uk/prod_consum_dh/groups/dh_digitalassets/@dh/@en/@ps/documents/digitalasset/dh_121668.pdf

6) Practical approaches to market and provider development
www.dh.gov.uk/prod_consum_dh/groups/dh_digitalassets/@dh/@en/@ps/documents/digitalasset/dh_121670.pdf

7) Practical approaches to co-production - Building effective partnerships with people using services, carers, families and citizens
www.dh.gov.uk/prod_consum_dh/groups/dh_digitalassets/@dh/@en/@ps/documents/digitalasset/dh_121669.pdf

8) Practical approaches to safeguarding and personalisation
www.dh.gov.uk/prod_consum_dh/groups/dh_digitalassets/@dh/@en/@ps/documents/digitalasset/dh_121671.pdf

9) Personal budgets – checking the results
www.puttingpeoplefirst.org.uk/_library/PPF/NCAS/personal_budgets_checking_the_results_final_29_October_2010.pdf

10) Enabling risk, ensuring safety: Self-directed support and personal budgets
www.scie.org.uk/publications/reports/report36/files/report36.pdf

11) Extract from Hansard - 16 November 2010

The Minister of State, Department of Health (Paul Burstow): *We are today publishing the Government's plans for adult social care services-"A Vision for Adult Social Care: Capable Communities and Active Citizens". Alongside the social care vision, the Department has launched a consultation on "Transparency in outcomes: a framework for adult social care"-a new strategic approach to quality and outcomes in adult social care.*

The vision sets the context for the future development of social care services. It is the first step, followed by the Law Commission's work on reforming the legal framework next spring and the Commission on Funding of Care and Support next summer, towards the White Paper on care and support at the end of 2011. This will set out plans to establish a modern and financially sustainable framework for care and support, and the requirements for new legislation.

The vision sets out a new direction for adult social care, putting people, personalised services and outcomes centre stage and returning social care to its foundations of reciprocity and constructive action by individuals on behalf of the whole community. It sets a challenge for councils to provide a personal budget, preferably as a direct payment, for everyone who is eligible by April 2013. As councils devolve commissioning responsibility to individuals via personal budgets, we expect them to work with providers to broaden the market of care services, particularly small social enterprises, so that individuals can exercise real choice over care services. A consequence of personalisation is that people will increasingly take their own decisions about how to balance their new freedoms with a sensible approach to risk. The vision also calls for an increase in preventive activity in local communities, to keep people independent for longer and contribute to building the big society.

The vision includes examples of how councils, working in partnership with local organisations and people, can develop innovative, efficient services. It encourages people to look to themselves and their communities, not just the state, for solutions and in doing so to grow the big society. It alerts councils to their new leadership role in health improvement and health and well-being boards and the opportunities this offers.

Councils should use the solid basis for social care funding delivered by the recent spending review as a springboard to reform services. In recognition of the pressures on the social care system in a challenging local government settlement, the coalition Government have allocated an additional £2 billion by 2014-15 to support the delivery of social care. This means, with an ambitious programme of efficiency, that there is enough funding available both to protect people's access to services and deliver new approaches to improve quality and outcomes.

Plans for service reform were outlined in the social care consortium's partnership agreement, "Think Local, Act Personal" launched at the national children's and adult services conference on 4 November 2010. Led by the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services and the local government group on behalf of 21 social care organisations, it describes the next steps for councils to personalise services and provide more comprehensive information for people who need advice on care and support services. In addition to this, the consortium has also produced a number of best practice guides.

The key principles for adult social care described in the vision are:

- *prevention: empowered people and strong communities will work together to maintain independence. Where the state is needed, it helps people to retain and regain their independence;*
- *personalisation: individuals not institutions take control of their care. Personal budgets, preferably as direct payments, are provided to all eligible people. Information about care and support is available for all local people, regardless of whether or not they fund their own care;*
- *partnership: care and support delivered in a partnership between individuals, communities, the voluntary sector, the NHS and councils, including wider support services, such as housing;*
- *plurality: the variety of people's needs is matched by diverse service provision, with a broad market of high-quality service providers;*
- *protection: there are sensible safeguards against the risk of abuse or neglect. Risk is no longer an excuse to limit people's freedom;*
- *productivity: greater local accountability will drive improvements and innovation to deliver higher productivity and high-quality care and support services. A focus on publishing information about agreed quality outcomes will support transparency and accountability; and*
- *people: we can draw on a work force who can provide care and support with skill, compassion and imagination, and who are given the freedom and support to do so. We need the whole work force, including care workers, nurses, occupational therapists, physiotherapists and social workers, alongside carers and the people who use services, to lead the changes set out in the vision.*

http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm101116/wmstext/101116m0001.htm#10111627000096

Telecare essential to 're-enablement' - The government has highlighted the importance of using telehealth to help reform social care and provide more control to individuals and their carers. In its new blueprint on social care, published today, the government says the technology can help provide more personalised and preventative services.

http://www.e-health-insider.com/news/6425/telecare_essential_to_'re-enablement'

12) DH E- Learning tools to support the NHS and Social Care workforce deliver improved care to people living with Long Term Conditions

Toolkits cover:

- Care Planning E-learning Toolkit
- Self Care E-learning Toolkit
- Information Prescriptions E-learning toolkit
- End of Life Care E-Learning Toolkit

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Healthcare/Medicinespharmacyandindustry/DH_121604

13) Health debate – 17 November 2010

Andrew Lansley (Secretary of State, Health; South Cambridgeshire, Conservative)

"….The right hon. Gentleman must consider that if a health service buys rehabilitation for patients returning home after being in hospital so that they do not need another emergency hospital admission, or puts telehealth in someone's home so that their independence at home is maintained, that is health spending. It is the normal approach of the NHS to providing preventive services".

"…. In addition, the NHS is going to support social care activity in the ways I have described, such as through telehealth, re-ablement and equipment adaptations. We are transferring the learning disability transfer grant and other adult social care grants collectively representing £2.7 billion a year from the NHS to local authority funding, without reductions in those grants".

"….The Minister of State, Department of Health, my hon. Friend Paul Burstow, and I are very impressed that the local NHS and local authorities are, sometimes for the first time, sitting down together and discussing how they can use their resources. Even this year we managed to save £70 million from the budget that we inherited from the Labour party. That money can be invested in re-ablement, and in bringing local authorities and the NHS together to improve the service to people who are going home…"

http://www.theyworkforyou.com/debates/?id=2010-11-17a.904.1&s=speaker%3A10349#g905.0

14) DH long term condition information sheets (17 November 2010)

The Department has produced a series of information sheets for doctors, nurses, those delivering personal health budgets, allied health professionals, health trainers and anyone supporting individuals with long term conditions. The information sheets cover a range of topics including care planning, care co-ordination, managing need and assessment of risk, motivating people to self care, goal setting and action planning and end of life care.

- Download information sheet 1: Personalised care planning (PDF, 2514K)
- Download information sheet 2: Personalised care planning diagram (PDF, 2213K)
- Download information sheet 3: Care co-ordination (PDF, 1967K)

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_121603

15) DH press release - £400 million funding for carers' breaks (16 November 2010)
http://nds.coi.gov.uk/content/Detail.aspx?NewsAreaID=2&ReleaseID=416559

16) New guidance on producing information for people with learning disabilities (18 November 2010)

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/MediaCentre/Pressreleases/DH_121794?utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter

17)   Department of Health - 29 October 2010 Amendment to paragraph 119 of the Guidance on Direct Payments 2009

The Community Care, Services for Carers and Children's Services (Direct Payments) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2010 came into force on 29 October 2010. The instrument amends regulations 9 and 10 of the Community Care, Services for Carers and Children's Services (Direct Payments) (England) Regulations 2009 to lift the requirement on local authorities to carry out a financial assessment when determining what amount is reasonably practicable for the direct payment recipient to pay towards securing the provision of residential accommodation.

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_104840

18)   LAC (DH) (2010) 6: The Personal Care at Home Act 2010 and charging for re-ablement (28 October 2010)

This circular advises councils of the legal position on charging for re-ablement, the development of re-ablement services with the £70m allocation via the NHS in 2010/11 in support of post hospital discharge, and confirms that the Personal Care at Home Act will not be implemented.

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Lettersandcirculars/LocalAuthorityCirculars/DH_120994

19)   2010/11 funding for re-ablement linked to hospital discharge – letter from DH to SHA's re £70m funding (28 October 2010)

 PCTs will be allocated the additional funding via increased revenue resource and cash limit allocations. PCTs should develop local plans in conjunction with the Local Authority and FT/NHS Trusts and community health services on the best way of using this money to facilitate seamless care for patients on discharge from hospital and to prevent avoidable hospital readmissions.

A proportion of this funding should be used to develop current re-ablement capacity in councils, community health services, the independent and voluntary sectors according to local needs. Resources can be transferred to local partners, including whether a pooled budget should be set up, wherever this make sense locally.

PCTs should use the plans developed for this year as a basis for co-ordinated activity on post-discharge support in 2011/12 and 2012/13 when changes to the tariffs will take effect.

In 2011/12, non payment to Trusts for emergency readmissions will create savings for commissioners to reinvest in re-ablement and post-discharge support in year, whilst the intention is that from 2012/13 the tariffs are increased to cover the cost of post-discharge support, including re-ablement.

SHAs should ensure that each PCT has a local plan, developed with their Local Authority and local FT/NHS Trusts including monitoring arrangements, in place by the end of December 2010.
http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Lettersandcirculars/Dearcolleagueletters/DH_120944

20)   New commissioning support packs for GPs (21 October 2010)

The first of a new series of support packs is for cardiac rehabilitation services. The pack includes:

1. *A service specification that sets out how to design services to improve patient outcomes*
2. *A costing tool that commissioners can use to determine how much money could be saved by implementing the service*
3. *Procurement advice and templates designed to slash the amount of time spent on administration and reduce the need for GP commissioners to rely on external management support*

The cardiac pack is ready to be used by commissioners, whether they are existing PCTs or shadow GP Commissioning Consortia. The commissioning packs are not mandatory so can be adapted to suit local needs and will free up Consortia to focus on outcomes and services for patients.

All commissioning packs will provide GPs with a set of tools and templates to use when designing and buying services for their patients.

Further packs will be developed and launched next year for dementia and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) services. It is expected that the packs will evolve over time as GP commissioners have more control in designing services and clarity on their support needs.

"This year's National Audit of Cardiac Rehabilitation shows a 4% increase in the number of heart patients in England receiving cardiac rehabilitation from 38% to 42%", said Mike Knapton, GP and Associate Medical Director at the British Heart Foundation. "This commissioning pack is a welcome step forward in our goal of ensuring every heart patient who would benefit from cardiac rehabilitation is given the chance to receive it. We urge all commissioners of care in England to use this pack and ensure referral to cardiac rehabilitation is a routine part of treating heart patients, giving them the chance to live longer and better quality lives."

Health Secretary Andrew Lansley confirmed that the pack has been designed with GPs and will evolve: "we want to make sure that GPs are supported too, and that they do not have to wade through layers of bureaucracy when designing services. This is the first of a series of packs that aim to reduce the time GP Consortia will spend on procurement and to easily demonstrate how they can design services that will give patients the best outcomes and use money effectively."

The British Heart Foundation and NHS Improvement have also launched a patient information pack to make patients aware of what they should expect from a good cardiac rehabilitation service.

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Aboutus/Features/DH_120770
http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/Browsable/DH_117504

Strategic Commissioning Development Unit (SCDU): commissioning packs
http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/Browsable/DH_11

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21) Comprehensive Spending Review (20 October 2010)
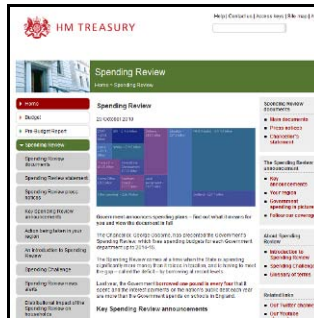
http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/spend_index.htm

a) 2010 Spending Review - Health

The Government has announced details of the Spending Review 2010 for the period between 2011-12 to 2014-15.

In line with the Government's commitment to protect health, the overall NHS budget will increase. In addition there is a clear commitment to support social care.

 For health, the overall budget will increase by 0.4% in real terms. This includes:

- a 1.3% increase in the resource budget;
- a 17% decrease in capital spending
- a reduction in the administration budget of 33%
- reinvestment to support the delivery of NHS services

Social care will receive additional investment, rising to £2 billion per year by 2014-15, through the NHS and local government.

To meet the rising costs of healthcare and increasing demand on its services, the NHS will release up to £20 billion of annual efficiency savings over the next four years, all of which will be reinvested to meet rising levels of demand and to support improvements in quality and outcomes. This will include, for example:

- continuously improving workforce productivity;
- applying best practice throughout the NHS in the management of long term conditions;
- driving down inconsistencies in admissions and outpatient appointments;
- and a 33% cut in the administration budget, including a reduction in the number of arm's length bodies from 18 to a maximum of 10 by 2014.

'The Spending Review reinforces our historic commitment to protect health spending and means that funding for the NHS will increase in real terms in every year of this Parliament' said Health Secretary Andrew Lansley. 'Due to the deficit and the increasing demands on NHS and care services we have had to make difficult decisions about where this money is spent and we have to make every penny count.'

 'That is why we have chosen to invest in supporting social care and reablement – honouring our commitment to protect the most vulnerable in our society. And ultimately a better integrated health and care system will mean a

more efficient system that delivers savings in the longer term – as more people live independently and are discharged from hospitals sooner.

'NHS organisations have already started a wide-ranging efficiency drive to make savings that can be redirected into patient care. And we also want to see a 33 per cent real terms cut in the administration budget, saving around £1.9 billion. But that is not enough. The NHS budget will have to stretch further than ever before in these difficult times – and so reform isn't an option, it's a necessity in order to sustain and improve our NHS. The proposals I set out this summer will cut waste and bureaucracy and put patients and doctors in control to build a high quality health service.'

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Aboutus/Features/DH_120689
http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/MediaCentre/Pressreleases/DH_120676

b)   The Spending Review settlement – letter from Sir David Nicholson (NHS)
http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Lettersandcirculars/Dearcolleagueletters/DH_120682

c)   The Spending Review settlement – letter from David Behan (Social Care)

The Chancellor today announced the 2010 Spending Review settlement for local government. I am writing to you with further details of what that means for social care. Sir David Nicholson has written in similar terms to colleagues in the NHS and local government about the settlement for health.

The Spending Review recognises the importance of social care to hundreds of thousands of adults of all ages, backgrounds and identities: supporting their independence and helping them to make full and active contributions to their communities.

In recognition of the pressures on the social care system in a challenging fiscal climate, the Coalition Government has allocated an additional £2bn by 2014/15 to support the delivery of social care. This is in addition to ensuring that the existing DH grants for social care rise in line with inflation to £1.4bn by 2014/15. This means, with an ambitious programme of efficiency, that there is enough funding available both to protect people's access to services and deliver new approaches to improve quality and outcomes.

The rest of this letter sets out the breakdown of the social care settlement in three parts: funding made available within the NHS to be spent on measures that support social care, grant funding for social care, and the general local government revenue grant settlement.

NHS support for social care

The settlement represents an excellent opportunity to support integration between social care and health services at the local level. In order to support social care, the NHS will transfer some funding from the health capital budget to health revenue, to be spent on measures that support social care, which also benefits health. This funding will be up to £1bn in 2014-15.

This £1bn includes up to £300m per annum for re-ablement to help avoid demand upon social care, while the remainder will be used to support other social care services. Investment in social care will both improve people's outcomes and benefit the NHS. By ensuring that people remain independent we can support them to be active in their communities, whilst at the same time reducing unnecessary hospital admissions and speeding discharge after a crisis.

We will expect local authorities and the NHS to work together to agree how this funding should be best used to support social care services. Further details about this support will be published alongside the 2011/12 NHS Operating Framework.

Department of Health grant funding

In recognition of the importance of social care in communities throughout the country, additional grant funding, rising to £1bn by 2014/15, will be made available for social care. This funding will be allocated in addition to the Department's existing social care grants, which will rise in line with inflation. In total, grant funding for social care will reach £2.4bn by 2014/15.

In order to support local flexibility and to reduce administrative burdens, this funding will go to authorities through the Revenue Support Grant. As far as possible we will seek to minimise the distributional impact of these changes.

Therefore, by 2014/15, the total additional funding for social care will amount to £2bn: half from the NHS and half in grant funding to local government. In the context of a challenging settlement for local government, this funding will make it possible to protect people's access to care, without tightening eligibility.

Local government revenue grant

This funding comes in the context of reduced central funding for local government. Local authorities will receive an overall reduction in revenue funding from Government of 26% when revenue grants from all departments are included – excluding schools, fire and police. This represents a challenging settlement for local government.

Transfers of Responsibility

In addition to the £2.4bn grant funding for social care and the additional funding from the NHS set out above, there will be two new grants issued from the Department over the SR period: Learning Disabilities and Health Reform grant (an unringfenced, specific grant worth around £1.3bn from 2011/12) and the Public Health grant (which will be introduced from 2013/14). These two grants reflect a forthcoming transfer of responsibility for services from the NHS to local authorities. Further detail about the Learning Disabilities and Health Reform grant will be published at the time of the provisional local government allocations.

Transformation and Efficiency

This is a highly positive settlement for social care, providing sufficient resources to protect people's access to care and avoiding further restrictions to services.

However, the additional funding of £2bn for social care comes in the context of a reduction to overall local government funding. In order to maintain people's access to care, local organisations will need to drive forward with reforming and redesigning services in order to make significant efficiency savings and transform the way that social care is delivered.

Across both health and social care, significant efficiency savings need to be made, and delivered in a way that is fair and equitable. In social care, local authorities should be looking at how to make efficiency savings by:
- *helping people to stay independent for as long as possible, for example through re-ablement, reducing the need for care;*
- *ensuring that people receive care and support in the most appropriate and cost effective way to meet their outcomes, for example through assistive technology and driving forward with personal budgets;*
- maximising spend on frontline services, for example by reducing back office costs and making better use of the social care market.

Further, we expect that this investment in social care will encourage improved integrated working between local authorities and their NHS partners. We know that thousands of people use both health and social care services: this new investment through the NHS and local government will help to help people to make a full and active contribution to society - improving their quality of care and outcomes, and benefitting both systems.

Next month, the Department will be publishing an ambitious vision for social care, where local authorities will be

expected to put individuals in greater control of their care, foster a vibrant social care market, and make significant efficiency savings by focusing on prevention and delivering more cost-effective care.

Conclusion

The Spending Review settlement for social care means tough choices will still need to be made within local authorities in order to embed transformation and efficiency. However, the settlement provides a stable base upon which we can build looking ahead to the recommendations from the Commission on the Funding of Care and Support. The upcoming years will provide an opportunity for us to move forward with pace to reform the system and to develop a genuinely personalised and preventative service.

David Behan – Director General for Social Care, Local Government and Partnerships

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Lettersandcirculars/Dearcolleagueletters/DH_120684

d)   Spending Review for grants to Local Government (CLG web site)
http://www.communities.gov.uk/corporate/about/howwework/corporatereports/reportsaccounts/sr2010/

22)   DH Information and Choice Consultation Papers (18 October 2010)

a)   An Information Revolution: a consultation on proposals

"…..2.30 Assistive technologies, such as telehealth and telecare, support independent living. Through remote monitoring (eg. movement monitors), they support people with challenging long-term conditions to continue with their everyday lives23. Significantly, they help health professionals identify problems early and therefore avoid unplanned admissions to hospital. Devices, such as home-based blood-pressure monitors, can be an effective and, in some cases, relatively inexpensive way to support self-care, especially when deployed as part of a coordinated patient service. The Department of Health is currently managing the largest randomised control trial of telehealth and telecare anywhere in the world, with results expected in Spring 2011 that will influence service developments…."

"….5.31 The use of technology to support the delivery of care at or closer to home is on the rise, and set to increase further as demographic and service changes start to reshape the health and care system. The Whole System Demonstrator project, which is evaluating the costs of benefits of using telecare in a number of settings, is due to report in May 2011. It is taking a comprehensive look at the key elements for implementing effective telecare services (workforce development, quality and ethical standards, interoperability and integration, incentives and levers, awareness and market development). A number of other projects initiated as part of the Quality, Innovation, Productivity and Prevention (QIPP) programme have also started to show early promise.

5.32 There are clear benefits to both service users and service providers in the greater use of digital services as part of local service improvement and redesign. For service users, some of the key benefits are convenient access, reduction or removal of travel time, less time off work and more personalised care. For professionals, the key benefits relate to clinical effectiveness, the quality of care and efficiency. Even simple initiatives such as the use of text messages as appointment reminders can have a significant impact…."

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Consultations/Liveconsultations/DH_120080
http://blogs.dh.gov.uk/conversations/2010/10/17/home/
http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/MediaCentre/Pressreleases/DH_120612

b)   Liberating the NHS: Greater choice and control. A consultation on proposals

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Consultations/Liveconsultations/DH_119651
http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/MediaCentre/Pressreleases/DH_120612

23)   £70 million support to help people in their homes after illness or injury (5 October 2010)

Around 35,000 people will benefit from a £70 million cash boost that will enable the NHS to support people back into their homes after a spell in hospital, Health Secretary Andrew Lansley announced today.

"Re-ablement" packages give people who are leaving hospital after illness or injury help and support for six weeks. Through re-ablement, people are helped to settle back into their homes, perhaps by changing their home environment so they can get around better or providing daily visits and support.

It ensures that those in greatest need get help to keep them independent and well for as long as possible. Re-ablement can offer savings to the health and social care system by ensuring that people get access to care that will prevent them from getting into difficulties and having to go back to hospital. The Government wants the NHS, councils and local voluntary organisations to work together to ensure that local people get a seamless service after discharge from hospital.

The extra funding will be allocated to Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) to be spent this financial year across the health and social care system. PCTs will work closely with hospitals and local authorities in delivering this. It will enable local areas to help thousands of people and ensure services are in place by the time the NHS picks up new responsibilities in April 2011 for patients' first 30 days at home after hospital discharge.

Andrew Lansley said:

"Too many patients don't get the seamless effective service they should when they leave hospital. They leave an environment in which they have been cared for around the clock to go home, sometimes alone, with no help. Too often they end up back in hospital because they haven't had help readjusting to life at home. In fact we've seen a 50 per cent increase in the number of emergency readmissions in the ten years from 1998. We need to do more to prevent this from happening.

"From next April, the NHS will have new responsibilities for people's care needs for 30 days after they leave hospital. This new funding will mean people will benefit right now and around 35,000 will start to get the help and support they need.

"Re-ablement will give opportunities for the NHS and councils, by working together locally, to make savings. Services of this kind have shown dramatic benefits in supporting people and cutting readmission to hospital. Our objective is for people to be once again independent, in their own homes."

The Government will publish its vision for adult social care in November, including a renewed focus on joint working with the NHS and the voluntary and community sector.

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/MediaCentre/Pressreleases/DH_120118

24)   Parliamentary questions – 4 October 2010

Grahame M. Morris: *To ask the Secretary of State for Health what assessment his Department has made of how best to support the elderly and disabled to remain living in their own homes; whether his Department is working with other departments on this issue; and if he will make a statement.*

Mr Burstow: *We acknowledge how important it is for people to remain living in their own homes for as long as possible. Our aim is that people should be helped to live at home for longer through solutions such as home adaptations and community support programmes, telehealth and telecare solutions. We are working with other Government Departments and interested groups such as the national health service, social care, the voluntary sector and individuals locally to commission and deliver these services.*

The Government plan to publish their vision for adult social care in autumn 2010, which will set the context for the future of social care, following the publication of the NHS White Paper and the outcome of the spending review in October.

http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm101004/text/101004w0002.htm#1010044002032

2 CQC telecare figures 2010 – regional breakdowns

**Prepared by Mike Clark for DH Care Networks/WSDAN from CQC data**

The last newsletter covered individual figures for additional users and expenditure. CQC data has now been summarised by region.

a)　Additional users by region

Region	Outturn against planned for 2009-10 (LA and LAPart)	Increase or decrease against planned for 2009-10	LA and LAPart 2010-11 planned	Planned for 2010-11 against outturn for 2009-10 (LA and LAPart)	Increase or decrease against 2009-10 outturn
Total (Eastern)	-12519	7 Increase or same, 4 decrease	17448	+774	7 Increase or same, 4 decrease
Total (East Midlands)	-141	5 Increase or same, 4 decrease	11682	+408	7 Increase or same, 2 decrease
Total (London)	+703	16 Increase or same, 17 decrease	19345	+1404	27 Increase or same, 6 decrease
Total (North East)	+1159	10 Increase or same, 2 decrease	11912	+1110	11 Increase or same, 1 decrease
Total (North West)	+1982	15 Increase or same, 8 decrease	19873	+3141	19 Increase or same, 4 decrease
Total (South East)	+726	11 Increase or same, 8 decrease	19371	+166	13 Increase or same, 6 decrease
Total (South West)	-5093	7 Increase or same, 9 decrease	9385	+549	12 Increase or same, 4 decrease
Total (West Midlands)	-671	6 Increase or same, 8 decrease	14947	+1559	12 Increase or same, 2 decrease
Total (Yorks and Humber)	+55	7 Increase or same, 8 decrease	18679	+4299	13 Increase or same, 2 decrease

b) **Expenditure (£000) by region**

Region	Outturn against planned for 2009-2010 (Infra and ES)	Increase or decrease in outturn over planned in 2009-2010	Infra + ES planned for 2010-2011	Planned for 2010-11 against outturn for 2009-10	Increase or decrease against 2009-10 outturn
Total (Eastern)	-3891	3 Increase or same, 8 decrease	4,613	-295	9 increase or same, 2 decrease
Total (East Midlands)	-733	3 increase or same, 6 decrease	6,301	+1,454	8 increase or same, 1 decrease
Total (London)	+707	12 increase or same, 21 decrease	17,020	-114	19 increase, 14 decrease
Total (North East)	+6,125	5 increase or same, 7 decrease	14,877	-522	10 increase or same, 2 decrease
Total (North West)	+123	9 increase or same, 14 decrease	13,621	+1,534	17 increase or same, 6 decrease
Total (South East)	+528	8 increase or same, 11 decrease	7,951	+2,684	16 increase or same, 3 decrease
Total (South West)	-285	6 increase or same, 10 decrease	5,197	+543	15 increase or same, 1 decrease
Total (West Midlands)	+61	6 increase or same, 8 decrease	7,187	+125	12 increase or same, 2 decrease
Total (Yorks and Humber)	+720	8 increase or same, 7 decrease	15,015	+3,354	13 increase or same, 2 decrease

3 Newsletter contributions

University of Hull – Telehealth and Telecare eLearning courses (Contributed by David Barrett)
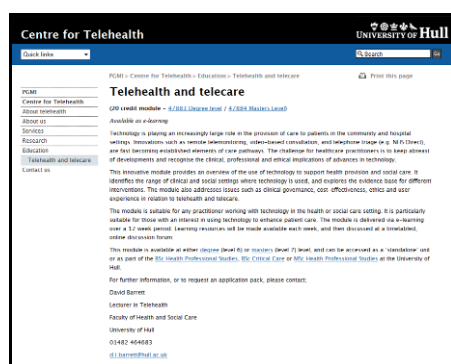
The University of Hull now offers two credited eLearning modules focused on introducing students to the principles of telehealth and telecare. The modules – one at Degree level and one at Masters level – both offer insight into the social, clinical, technological and financial factors that are driving the adoption of telehealth and telecare. In addition, the modules address different applications of technology, the growing evidence base, and some of the ethical, managerial and economic questions.

Both modules are delivered completely online and run over a 12-week period. The modules each run three times per year, with start dates in September, January and May.
For more information, please contact David Barrett, Lecturer in Telehealth at d.i.barrett@hull.ac.uk or visit http://www2.hull.ac.uk/pgmi/centre_for_telehealth/education/telehealth_and_telecare.aspx

Virtual College - Jump online to join the Telehealth revolution

Healthcare professionals are invited to take part in an online e-learning programme, "An Introduction to Telecare and Telehealth," to discover how Telesolutions are revolutionising healthcare by improving patient care whilst dramatically reducing NHS costs – essential elements of healthcare provision in current times.
Yorkshire and the Humber is a European centre for Telehealth excellence and the Ilkley based company has worked with clinical experts in the region to develop the structured course.
Over 15 million people in England live with long term conditions and this is expected to rise by a quarter within the next 25 years. Transforming healthcare through Telesolutions, such as Telehealth, Telecare, Telemonitoring and Telemedicine, will allow patients who would normally be subjected to long stays in hospital to live in the comfort of their home - cutting costs to the NHS whilst remaining clinically effective.
Developed by Virtual College in collaboration with Yorkshire and Humber Health Innovation Education Cluster, Advanced Digital Industries, Sheffield Hallam University and the University of Hull, the course can be accessed anywhere in the world; removing geographical restrictions whilst ensuring a well resourced virtual learning environment.
The course aims to raise awareness of the potential for telecare, telehealth and its associated pathways (for example, telemedicine and telemonitoring) to improve the quality and diversity of service provision, whilst reducing diagnostic and care costs.
The engaging learning content translates complicated and technical medical terminology into digestible and manageable sections.
The course is supported by examples of the evidence base that exists in this field, as well as case studies to illustrate how tele-based intitiatives have been implemented in different contexts, and to what effect
The course is free of charge to anyone in Yorkshire and Humber and two free registrations will be given to organisations outside of the region.
An Introduction to Telecare and Telehealth is being launched to coincide with National self care awareness week 9-15th November. If you would like to pre-register for the course please visit www.healthcareea.co.uk/telehealth

To support the course Virtual College has developed a Telesolutions e-Academy, which throughout 2010 - 2011 will develop further e-learning modules, responding to sector needs and requirements. The website for the Telesolutions e-Academy has been launched and can be viewed at - www.telesolutionsea.co.uk

If you are already involved in piloting Telesolutions, there is an opportunity to be used as a case study feature in the module. Please email, info@telesolutionsea.co.uk for more details.
If you are currently a supplier of Telecare and Telehealth solutions, then there are sponsorship opportunities available, please contact Georgina Earle on, 01943 885086 for further information.

Extract from the West Midlands JIP e-bulletin on telecare and telehealth (provided by Nathan Downing)

West Midlands JIP - e-bulletin No 17 - November 2010

Following our focus on reablement in last month's bulletin we turn to the closely related issue of telecare and telehealth.

As Health Secretary Andrew Lansley said at a carers' conference earlier this year: "We have to maximise the potential of reablement, telecare and other innovations that can dramatically improve people's lives while also being highly efficient.

"Some local authorities have picked up this challenge, others have not. We need to accelerate this change so that these services and this approach is the norm."

It's this principle that underpins the JIP's telecare support programme which is helping local authorities in the West Midlands expand the scope of telecare to make services more efficient, assist service users to live independently in their own homes, and promote joined up working between health and social care.

We are also spearheading a series of pilot projects in local authorities across the region, to show the impact telecare can have on the cost, quality and the personalisation of services.

We've invested in the development of an online one stop telecare information portal. Still at prototype stage, it will eventually carry all the information needed to find out about services, products, where to buy them and how to use them.

We are aware telecare and telehealth still arouse suspicion that personal contact between practitioners and service users will be reduced, leading to greater isolation, as well as redundancies and increased workloads for staff left behind.

Ultimately it is just one of the responses to how we, as practitioners in social care and the health services, can care for a rapidly expanding ageing population in a cost effective way and to a high standard.

Paul A Davies
Lead DASS for Telecare

Focus on telecare and telehealth

Telecare and telehealth – what is the difference?
Both telecare and telehealth are about helping people to manage their own health and wellbeing while maintaining their independence.
Read more

Telecare website takes shape
A demonstration site for an online telecare portal has been built in response to findings from a JIP survey that shows information on council websites about telecare and assistive technology can be improved.
Read more

Survey shows telecare information could be improved
Information about telecare and assistive technology can be limited and hard to find on the region's council websites according to the results of a survey commissioned by the JIP.
Read more

Three more join telecare projects

Sandwell, Coventry and Wolverhampton are set to join the region's major telecare pilot projects.
Read more

CSED evaluation tool
The Care Services Efficiency Delivery (CSED) programme has produced a toolkit and guidance for evaluating the impact of telecare on the cost and effectiveness of social care and health services.
Read more

Technology could save councils hundreds of millions
Assistive technology could save health and social care up to £270 million a year, according to Local Government Association (LGA) estimates.
Read more

Making telehealth mainstream
NHS West Midlands aims to include telehealth as an option for every patient with long term conditions, in their consultations with health or social care professionals.
Read more

Reporting developments in assistive technology
Details of government backed research into assistive technology can be found in the report 'Research and development work relating to technology'.
Read more

http://wwwjipwestmidlands.blogspot.com/

4 WSDAN news update

Prepared by Mike Clark for DH Care Networks/WSDAN (Twitter – @clarkmike)

The seventh WSDAN e-newsletter of 2010 has been issued and covers:

- a progress update on the Assisted Living Innovation Platform technology
- a review of available evidence on how children and adolescents are involved with the use of telecare and telehealth
- summaries of some recent journal articles.

The issue also feature the Telehealth Study from Kent, one of the three WSD Pilot sites.

The two day International Congress on Telehealth and Telecare will take place on **2-3 March 2011** at the King's Fund in London. Paul Burstow MP will be a keynote speaker.

Early bird registration is now open.

Register at www.wsdactionnetwork.org.uk for regular updates.

5 Housing LIN update

The Autumn issue of the Housing LIN newsletter is available. The newsletter contains policy and funding news arising from the recent Comprehensive Spending Review and subsequent launch of the

partnership agreement for adult social care, the DH re-ablement grant allocations and pledge on dementia. There is also latest news on the DH's extra care housing programme, a feature on design, and new resources from the Housing LIN. The latter includes a new factsheet on the market for private rented sector extra care, a case study on regeneration in Wolverhampton and a technical brief on fire safety. These are all essential reading for those involved in planning, commissioning, developing and managing extra care and supported housing more generally.

Link:
http://www.dhcarenetworks.org.uk/nl/?l=726_1_1_1

6 Events and conferences

Prepared by Mike Clark for DH Care Networks/WSDAN (Twitter – @clarkmike)

Calls and request for papers

Med-e-Tel 2011   Luxembourg 6-8 April 2011 - Deadline for abstracts: 10 December 2010
http://www.ehealthserver.com/conferences-and-events/640-call-for-papers-med-e-tel-2011

Events and conferences

November
Raate 2010 29 November 2010, University of Warwick http://www.raate.org.uk/
CUHTec - Adapting Your Telecare Service to new Financial Circumstances 30 November 2010
University of York, York, YO10 5DD
Full details at www.cuhtec.org.uk/events.php Contact cuhtec@psych.york.ac.uk

December
The Future of E-Health: User and technological perspectives, London Technology Network
1st December 2010, London
http://www.ltnetwork.org/pooled/articles/BF_EVENTART/view.asp?Q=BF_EVENTART_320765

eHealth & Telemed 2010 Monday 13 - Tuesday 14 December 2010 RSM London
http://www.rsm.ac.uk/telemed10/

Mobile Healthcare Industry Review, Kings Fund, London, Tuesday 14th December 2010
http://www.mobilehealthcareindustrysummit.com/register/mobile_healthcare_review

2011

February
CUHTec - Adapting Your Telecare Service to new Financial Circumstances 2 February 2011 University of York, York, YO10 5DD
Full details at www.cuhtec.org.uk/events.php Contact cuhtec@psych.york.ac.uk

The Third International Conference on eHealth, Telemedicine, and Social Medicine
http://www.wikicfp.com/cfp/servlet/event.showcfp?eventid=10262&copyownerid=11691
http://www.iaria.org/conferences2011/eTELEMED11.html

March

International congress on Telecare and Telehealth, The King's Fund 2-3 March 2011
http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/events/telecaretelehealth.html

NHS Expo, Excel Centre, London 9-10 March 2011
http://www.healthcareinnovationexpo.com/

April
Med-e-tel Luxembourg 6-8 April 2011
www.medetel.eu

May
ATA Annual meeting and Expo – Tampa, Florida 1-3 May 2011
http://www.americantelemed.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageID=3773

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 (Twitter – @clarkmike)

Some recent headlines you may have missed from the weekly news
(www.dhcarenetworks.org.uk/telecaresolutions)

Buying Solutions new Leaflet

http://www.buyingsolutions.gov.uk/categories/ICT/telecare/leaflet/

Kent telehealth Study – updated coverage

The study on the Kent Telehealth Evaluative Development Pilot for 250 people with long term conditions covering the pilot programme period 2005-2007 is now available.
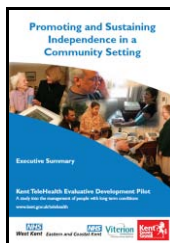
This study covers 250 telehealth patients prior to the WSD Programme.

Press release: http://www.kent.gov.uk/news_and_events/news_archive/life-changing_technology.aspx
Report: https://shareweb.kent.gov.uk/Documents/adult-Social-Services/professionals-and-projects/WSD/Telehealth%20Full%20Report%20FINAL_Layout%201.pdf
Summary: https://shareweb.kent.gov.uk/Documents/adult-Social-Services/professionals-and-projects/WSD/Summary%20Teleheath%20FINAL.pdf
Telehealth technology saves money, Kent study finds
http://www.communitycare.co.uk/Articles/2010/10/08/115529/telehealth-technology-saves-money-study-finds.htm

Telehealth 'could save county £7.5m'
http://www.ehiprimarycare.com/news/6300/telehealth_'could_save_county_%C2%A37.5m'

Telehealth project report shows savings. Kent (UK) (TelecareAware – 7 October 2010)
http://www.telecareaware.com/

High-tech health scheme could save £7 million
http://www.yourthanet.co.uk/kent-news/High__tech-health-scheme-could-save-%C2%A37-million-newsinkent40809.aspx

Telehealth technology saves money, study finds
http://www.socialspace.co.uk/forum/showthread.php/17648-Telehealth-technology-saves-money-study-finds

Kent Assistive technologies web site:
http://www.kent.gov.uk/adult_social_services/social_services_professionals/partnerships_and_projects/whole_system_demonstrator.aspx

The Kent Telehealth Project (video)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DfsRdQy8fjg

**Telehealth care benefits patients with severe asthma**

A new Cochrane systematic review concludes that healthcare delivered via telephone or Internet might not improve the quality of life for people with mild asthma, but it could keep those with severe asthma out of the hospital.
http://www.news-medical.net/news/20101006/Telehealth-care-benefits-patients-with-severe-asthma.aspx

SCIE Report 35: Sustainable systems of social care

Note: Telecare and telehealth references in this document
http://www.scie.org.uk/publications/reports/report35.asp?dm_i=4O5,8WQ5,1MNT94,NAVZ,1

Telecare and telehealth in Scotland
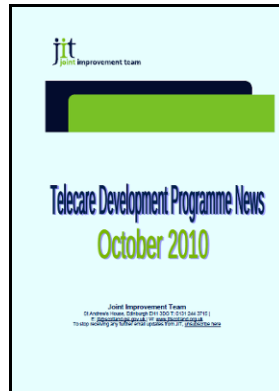
Telehealthcare to 2012: An Action Plan for Scotland
http://www.telecareaware.com/images/pdfs/scottish-thc-plan-consultation-oct10.pdf

An Assessment of The Development of Telecare in Scotland 2006-2010
http://www.telecareaware.com/images/pdfs/telecare-in-scotland-2006-2010-assessment-report-oct10.pdf

Telecare - October 2010 Newsletter
http://www.jitscotland.org.uk/downloads/1287153136-JIT_-_Telecare_-__Newsletter_Sep10_Word.pdf

Network event (3 November 2010) in Stirling http://www.jitscotland.org.uk/downloads/1285920502-F3315044.pdf

Health Committee look at spending review impacts on NHS and local authorities

On 26 October, the Health Committee asked representatives of NHS organisations and local authorities about the likely impacts of the recent spending review settlement on service provision and efforts to improve efficiency and productivity. MPs also look at how spending pressures on both health and social care will affect the interface between these two services.

Witnesses:

- Nigel Edwards, Acting CEO and Policy Director NHS Confederation
- David Stout, Director, Primary Care Trust (PCT) Network
- Edward Macalister-Smith, Chief Executive, Buckinghamshire PCT
- Cllr David Sparks OBE, Vice Chair, LGA, Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council LGA
- Andrew Cozens, Strategic Adviser for Children, Health and Adult Services for the Local Government Group
- Richard Jones, President, ADASS and Director of Adult and Community Services, Lancashire County Council
- Sarah Pickup, Honorary Secretary, ADASS and Director of Adult Care Services, Hertfordshire County Council

There were some references to re-ablement, telecare and telehealth in the social care discussions (from 59 minutes in the audio).

This is the second oral evidence session for the Committee's inquiry into how the financial squeeze will affect NHS and adult social care services.

http://www.parliamentlive.tv/Main/Player.aspx?meetingId=6778

The uncorrected transcript of evidence from the first session on 19 October 2010 including evidence from Sir David Nicholson is available at:
http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmselect/cmhealth/uc513-i/uc51301.htm

Also, there was a House of Lords debate on health on 28 October 2010:
http://www.theyworkforyou.com/lords/?id=2010-10-28a.1355.1&s=health+select+committee#g1375.0

Published White Paper responses - ADASS response – telecare references

http://www.adass.org.uk/images/stories/ADASS%20Response%20to%20the%20White%20Paper%20Equity%20and%20Excellence%20FINAL.pdf

Audit Commission - Financial management of personal budgets

http://www.audit-commission.gov.uk/nationalstudies/localgov/personalbudgets/Pages/default.aspx
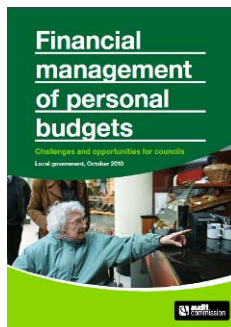
Social care directors stress progress in personal budgets
http://www.adass.org.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=655:audit-commission-report-social-care-directors-stress-progress-in-personal-budgets&catid=127:press-releases-2010&Itemid=419

Dementia Action Alliance – 40+ organisations committed to transforming the quality of life of people living with dementia

http://www.dementiaaction.org.uk/

Living Well with Dementia on Horsesmouth
http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Aboutus/Features/DH_120807
http://www.horsesmouth.co.uk/partners/livingwellwithdementia.publisha

GP Consortia Pathfinder Programme – DH letter from Dame Barbara Hakin

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Lettersandcirculars/Dearcolleagueletters/DH_120895

DH Business Plan

Department of Health Business Plan 2011-2015
http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_121393

Reports from the recent NCAS Conference in Manchester – Andrew Lansley presentation

Lansley: councils will have key role helping to reduce health costs
"He (Andrew Lansley) said that investment by councils in technology like telecare and a focus of helping more people stay in their own homes would reduce the numbers of elderly people ending up in hospital or in care homes and cited the example of North Yorkshire CC where a new telecare services phased at £1m by delaying entry into residential care".
http://www.localgov.co.uk/index.cfm?method=news.detail&id=93153

Councils 'trailblazers' with telehealth - Modern technology deployment in health systems could save £270m per year, the Local Government Association has said.
http://www.publicservice.co.uk/news_story.asp?id=14653

Gadgetry saving millions on care for the elderly (UK)
http://www.lga.gov.uk/lga/core/page.do?pageId=14786530

Diabetes — Question for Short Debate House of Lords debates, 4 November 2010

Tabled By Lord Harrison - To ask Her Majesty's Government what is their response to the Diabetes UK report Putting Feet First and its implications for the treatment of diabetes.
http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/101104-0002.htm#10110446000443

DH - Internet is First Choice for Health Advice

More patients than ever before are going online to find health information and self-diagnose, saving the NHS millions of pounds a year, according to separate reports published today.

A report shows the NHS website received over a 100 million visits in the last year, while a separate study from Imperial College found a third of those logging onto www.nhs.uk avoided booking a GP appointment afterwards, potentially saving the NHS £44 million a year.

The NHS Choices 2010 Annual Report shows there has been a 10 per cent increase in the number of visits to the NHS website in 2010 compared to 2009, taking the number of times people logged on to the site to well over 100 million.

Separately, Imperial College research found 70 per cent of patients use the internet to search for health information, with a third deciding not to visit their GP afterwards as they were able to find the information they were looking for.

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/MediaCentre/Pressreleases/DH_121436?utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter

Health site 'saves NHS millions' (NHS Choices)
http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-11715236

Further links from the weekly news bulletins

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The First Installation of Telehealth Solutions' SurgeryPod at SystmOne surgery in Lincolnshire
http://www.ehealthnews.eu/industry/2279-the-first-installation-of-telehealth-solutions-surgerypod-at-systmone-surgery-in-lincolnshire

Telehealth Solutions and TPP Could Save UK GPs up to GBP36,000,000
http://www.24-7pressrelease.com/press-release-rss/telehealth-solutions-and-tpp-could-save-uk-gps-up-to-gbp36000000-174062.php

The First Installation of Telehealth Solutions' SurgeryPod at SystmOne surgery in Lincolnshire
http://www.fmhealthcare.com/2010/10/09/the-first-installation-of-telehealth-solutions-surgerypod-at-systmone-surgery-in-lincolnshire

Telehealth Solutions and NHS Islington Use Pharmacies to Save Lives
http://www.allmediascotland.com/media_releases/27385/telehealth-solutions-and-nhs-islington-use-pharmacies-to-save-lives?utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter

Authority to install carbon monoxide monitors in every council house (Edinburgh)
http://www.24dash.com/news/housing/2010-10-05-Authority-to-install-carbon-monoxide-monitors-in-every-council-house

NHS care for long-term conditions is not sustainable, DoH lead says - Sir John Oldham, national clinical lead for quality and productivity - a new approach should help patients with complex needs to self-manage through e-learning and remote monitoring.
http://www.healthcarerepublic.com/news/1032537/NHS-care-long-term-conditions-not-sustainable-DoH-lead-says/

UK: Orkney Islands - Telehealth service launched to improve care for patients with long-term conditions
http://www.epractice.eu/en/news/345480

NHS Barnsley - Home monitors for heart patients
http://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/localnews/Home-monitors-for-heart-patients.6571578.jp

Health and Social Care Award – regional finalists
Telecare Project - Adults and Communities Transformation Team - Birmingham City Council
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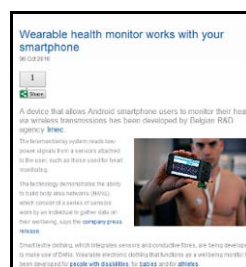
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In a move designed to stop patients being re-admitted to hospital soon after treatment, Mr Lansley pledged £70 million for "re-ablement" packages. The money will be spent on supporting people in the first six weeks after they leave hospital and could be used for things like adapting homes or providing drop-in services.
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The AT Information Network: Mapping the Information Environment, the challenges and opportunities

The Assistive Technology (AT) Alliance has published a report "The AT Information Network: Mapping the Information Environment, the Challenges and Opportunities" that looks at how people find out about equipment for daily living.

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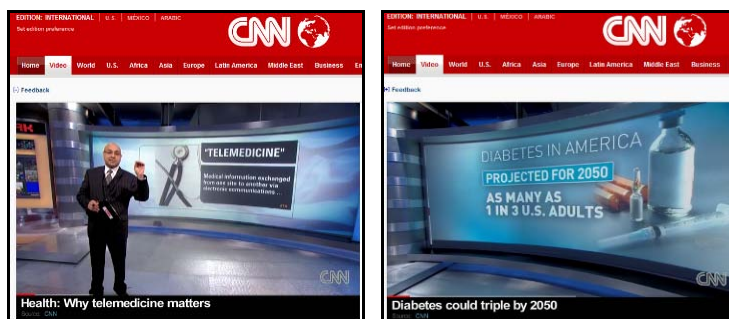
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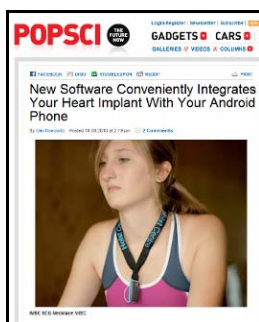Individuals Using Cell Phones, Apps To Look Up Health Data
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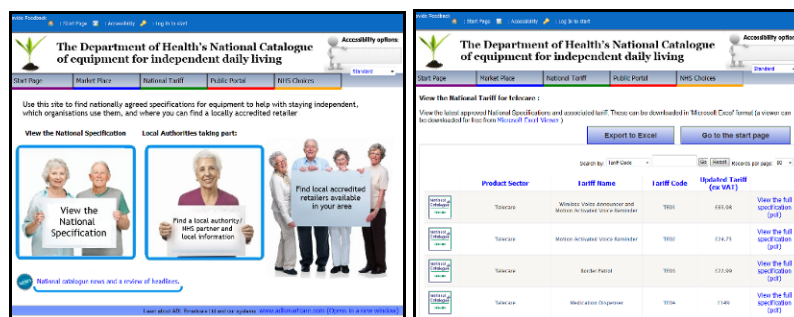
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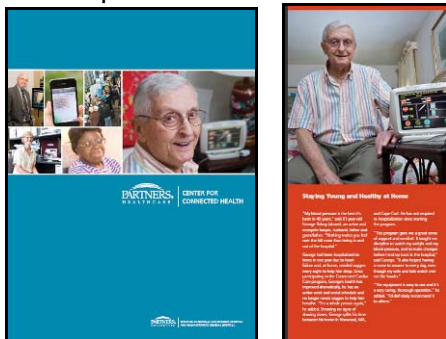
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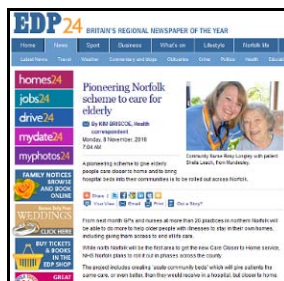
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Andrew Lansley Speech to NCAS Conference (references to telecare)

"….Technologies like telecare and telemedicine are already increasingly used to help people stay safe in their own homes.

When I was in North Allerton, talking to North Yorkshire County Council, they told me about their programme of telecare services. This was established over three years ago.

They put it very simply: "For every hour someone is on the floor, it's an extra 24 hours in hospital."

They've shown the investment paid off. North Yorkshire has saved over a million pounds – more than a third reduction in costs, achieved by postponing entry into residential care or reducing the homecare support required…."
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"….The health secretary also stressed that prevention, use of technology and personalised budgets would all help keep the elderly independent and in their homes, rather than ending up in hospital as a cost to the NHS…."
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Councils 'trailblazers' with telehealth - Modern technology deployment in health systems could save £270m per year, the Local Government Association has said.
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Diabetes UK - One care home resident with diabetes admitted to hospital every 25 minutes
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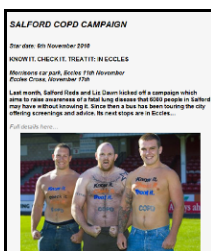http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/features/you-and-yours/care-in-the-uk-2010/

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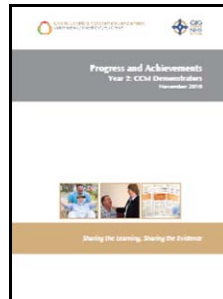

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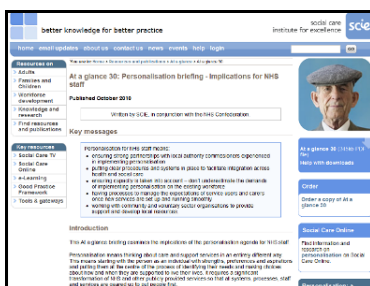
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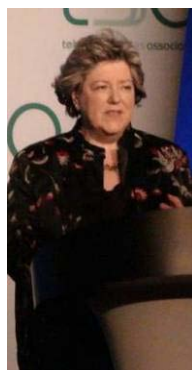
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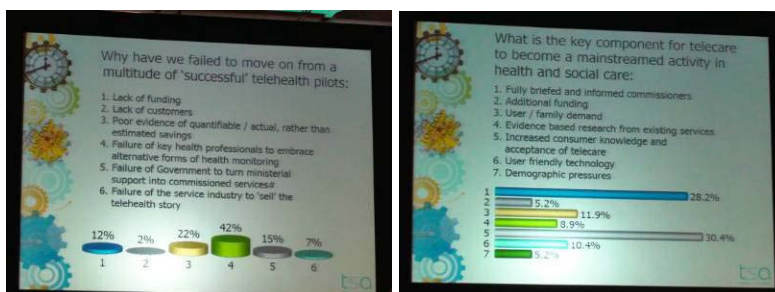
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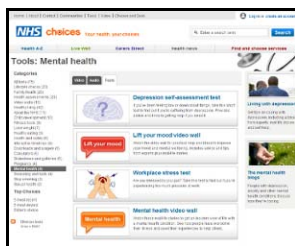
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