March 2015 was the last Telecare LIN newsletter supported by Innovate UK, KTN Ltd and the Assisted Living Innovation Platform and we would like to thank them for their support in recent years.

There have been over 5000 links of interest since June 2015 – sadly, we are unable to bring them to you in a curated format at this time.

Going forward we need your support. To maintain a comprehensive monthly news summary going out to over 48,000 people, we are looking to crowdsource funding to support the website, content and hundreds of links and journal article references each month. We are currently looking for a number of organisations to support continuing production (including supplements, Twitter stream, archive) at around the £5k level per year. The news service, currently in its tenth year is recognised as an authoritative source and valuable resource in the UK and in other parts of the world working on digital health, telehealth, mHealth, telemedicine and telecare.

Many people also value the extensive coverage of UK health and care policy as well as regular site listings and supplements (eg telehealth, dementia, long term conditions). This is, therefore, an opportunity not to be missed if your organisation would like to be associated with the sector-leading newsletter and our successful brand. You can email j.porteus@telecarelin.org.uk for details.

In the meantime, we will be providing a limited 'headline only' service for registered members of the website whilst we establish whether or not the crowdfunding approach is successful over the next three months. You can still follow Mike Clark on Twitter (@clarkmike - together with summaries on Storify and Rebelmouse) or Jeremy at @HousingLIN or on the Housing LIN homepage.

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Some UK News Headlines this week

(i) A Commission has been set up to gather evidence of how hospitals have tackled bottlenecks, long waits and delayed care transfers. See also: Healthwatch England on On hospital discharge.

(ii) A report from the Health Foundation and the King's Fund sets out a "transformation fund" that will need at least £1.5bn a year on top of £8bn the government has promised by 2020. The fund would allow for investment in new types of care.

(iii) Have we gone back to square on paying for social care? - Richard Humphries blog at The King's Fund

(iv) In Denmark, patients have been able to email their GPs for the last ten years – new report from Health Education England on primary care workforce.

(v) NHS England will provide information on how the NHS 'Vanguard' sites can make use of digital technology as part of a support package published by the end of July 2015 (Digital Health Article).

(vi) King's College Hospital is incorporating the Apple Watch into clinical trials for ongoing care and monitoring of patients with cancer (Mobihealthnews article). Also:

[Apple Watch sold faster than original iPhone, iPad, says Cook](#)

(vii) A new Nesta [report](#) looks at what a health system would look like in 2030 if new knowledge is used differently and more people play a role in managing health.

(viii) What is preventing health and social care from going digital? – Idox [Blog](#).

(ix) [Intrahealth](#) looks at Three Ways to Scale the Mountain of mHealth Pilot Studies.

(x) Is NHS England delivering on its mandate?
[NHS England Annual Report](#)
[NHS England: assessment of performance 2014 to 2015](#)
[The health budget – under strain again - BBC News](#)

The November Government Spending Review will look at the additional £8bn for the NHS as well as the £22bn savings.

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