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

Our news service has been available since October 2005. Our Housing LIN and Telecare LIN membership database exceeds 40,000 people from around the world.

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

As in the past, we will be continuing to bring you an extensive curated coverage of digital health and technology enabled care references from the UK and around the world including telehealth, telecare, mobile health, telemedicine, ehealth, smart home technologies and Internet of Things. We will also be including more in the future on health informatics (including electronic health and care records), big data, artificial intelligence as well as health and care robotics.

Headlines

(i) New from ILC – 'The End of Formal Adult Social Care?' (also The future for adult social care services in England "looks bleak", a think tank has warned)**.**

(iii) **Doctify** is a healthcare review service looking to transform patient experience in the digital age (UK)' - via IBTimes**.**

(iii) JMIR **study** now available: Health App Use Among US Mobile Phone Owners: A National Survey

(iv) While half of Americans use a health app, just over a third wouldn't pay for one – survey via iMedicalApps

(v) Study finds that patients are unhappy when doctors spend a lot of time looking at a computer screen (WSJ article).

(vi) Smartphone-connected device use, focus on behavioral health, and better databases for health information analysis, are within the top 10 trends in healthcare for 2016, according to PwC's annual Health Research Institute report. (Mobihealthnews article).

(vii) There is a new Interview with John Eaglesham from ADI Health on digital health.

(viii) 'Crisis-hit NHS computer contract an 'exemplar of good practice' – NHS24 in Scotland via BBC News.

(ix) Chancellor George Osborne has signed a health devolution deal for London. The agreement will see the launch of five pilot schemes designed to transfer power over NHS services from Whitehall to local groups (BBC News).

(x) Aviva's latest Health Check UK report includes a digital health survey'.

(xi) Some Blogs from eHealth Scotland for the recent eHealth Week are available (December 2015).

(xii) 'What makes integrated care work?' - Elisabetta Zanon on progress in the Basque Country – NHS Confederation article.

(xiii) Chubb Community Care has launched an enhanced assisted living solution that protects individuals in their homes.

(xiv) A new £1m **project** called BOLD-TC (Better Outcomes for People with Learning Disabilities – Transforming Care), brings the video consultation service provided by v-connect together with local and remote vital sign monitoring to allow new models of care to be developed for people with learning disabilities. Funded by a Phase 2 development contract awarded by the Small Business Research Initiative (SBRI) Healthcare competition, BOLD-TC began in October 2015. Project partners include Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council and Hft, the national learning disability charity.

(xv) The Department of Health has **announced** that hospitals in England will get £1.8 billion for sustainability and transformation but they will have to meet strict conditions.

The £1.8 billion, part of a £3.8 billion front-loaded funding boost for next year, is designed to help trusts reduce their deficits and allow them to focus on transforming services to deliver excellent care for patients every day of the week.

The conditions include:

- agreeing with NHS England and NHS Improvement a strong and measurable recovery plan that shows how the trust will reduce deficits and break even within a reasonable timeframe, as well as a 'control total' for their 2016/17 budget

- developing a plan and reporting regularly on progress towards achieving the savings outlined by Lord Carter as part of his review into NHS productivity

- making further progress to reduce agency spend, along with a trajectory of how much spend will fall and regular reporting against this trajectory as part of the ongoing drive to employ fewer agency staff and more permanent staff to improve continuity of care for patients and improve safety

- agreeing with NHS England and NHS Improvement a credible plan for maintaining delivery of core standards for patients, including the 4 hour A&E standard, the 18 week referral to treatment standard and, for appropriate providers, the ambulance access standards

- setting out a clear and credible plan for achieving 7 day services for patients throughout the country by 2020

Sanctions will be included as part of the funding to ensure hospitals comply with the measures.

(lxvii) The NHS Mandate for 2016/17 has been announced - coverage of **digital health and** tech is in sections 2.13 and 7.2.

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