



News Headlines: 18 June 2015

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 were over 1200 links of interest during May 2015 with over 100 journal articles – 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](#).

Some UK News Headlines this week

(i) The National Information Board met on 17 June to discuss digital health and care. Ten workstreams will be merged into six priorities that will feed into the Autumn Spending Review. HSJ is reporting that savings of £10bn could possibly be made from digital health and care plans. ([HSJ article](#) - Subscription). DHI is [reporting](#) even higher potential savings at up to £13.7bn.

(ii) The government's National Information Board (NIB) has [commissioned](#) a feasibility study into the viability of turning the whole NHS estate in the country into a massive free Wi-Fi zone.

(iii) Patients will have real-time access to their full digital health record by 2018 ([DHI article](#)).

(iv) The National Information Board is considering a four stage process to health and care apps:

- Stage 1 - developer data on app performance
- Stage 2 - crowdsource expert data on app
- Stage 3 - some type of academic evaluation
- Stage 4 - Independent testing of app

(v) 'Elderly people are trapped in English hospitals in ever greater numbers as there is nowhere else for them to go', Age UK has warned ([BBC article](#)).

(vi) A record nine million emergency calls were made to the ambulance service in England last year ([BBC article](#)).

(vii) Lord Carter has worked with 22 leading hospitals to see how the NHS could save money by doing things more efficiently and spreading best practice. His [report](#) finds that the NHS could save up to £5 billion every year by 2020.

(viii) 'Tens of thousands of people with asthma in the UK are not getting the right medicines to keep their condition safely under control', according to an Asthma UK audit ([BBC article](#)).

(ix) Diabetes in the UK is at an all-time high, according to analysis of NHS data released by Diabetes UK. There are now thought to be 3.9 million people with diabetes in the UK and growing numbers are diagnosed each year ([Guardian article](#)).

Upcoming Telecare/Telehealth/Digital Health events:

June 2015

DHACA Day – 6 July, London <http://dhaca.org.uk/>

Health and Care 2015, London, 24-25 June 2015 <http://www.healthpluscare.co.uk/>

July 2015

Commissioning for Technology Enabled Care, Achieving Local Solutions – London, 15 July
<http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/commissioning-for-technology-enabled-care-achieving-local-solutions-tickets-17168668951>

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