



## News Headlines: 21 May 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 1500 links of interest during April 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](mailto: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) In his first post-election [speech](#) at a West Midlands GP Surgery on 18 May 2015, the Prime Minister has announced a 'seven-day' health service, a commitment to increase budgets by at least £8bn a year by 2020 and the recruitment of 5000 new GPs.

(ii) NHS England has [announced](#) that over 55m people in England now have online access to summary information in their medical record. They can also now book GP appointments and order repeat prescriptions online.

(iii) Digital health interventions such as telemedicine and text message reminders, could reduce the relative risk of cardiovascular disease according to a recent Mayo Clinic [review](#) of 51 articles.

Other recent articles:

[The Empirical Evidence for the Telemedicine Intervention in Diabetes Management](#)  
[Telehealth on heart failure: results of the Recap project](#)

(iv) Superfast broadband is expected to reach 84% of Scottish Highlands and Islands by 2016 and the NHS are considering using telehealth video links to plug a GP shortfall in out of hours care, [reports](#) the Northern Times.

(v) Nearly a quarter of deaths in England and Wales in 2013 were potentially avoidable with good healthcare, improvements to lifestyles or vaccination, the Office for National Statistics has said ([Guardian article](#)).

(vi) Health and social care practitioners in Wales will be able to share information across 22 local authorities and 7 health boards following the Welsh Government's £6.7m investment in a new IT system ([Community Care article](#)).

(vii) From the EC: The 2015 Ageing [Report](#) sheds light on the economic, budgetary and societal challenges that policy makers will have to face in the next few years. Also, the AFE-INNOVNET [repository](#) displays notable examples of innovative solutions for age-friendly environments in Europe. Its objective is to exchange knowledge, foster synergies and contribute to the scaling up of these initiatives.

(viii) Homecare businesses play a crucial role in keeping older and disabled people out of hospital or care homes, yet they are becoming financially non-viable, says David Brindle ([Guardian article](#)).

#### **Upcoming Telecare/Telehealth/Digital Health events:**

##### **June 2015**

FT Digital Health Summit – 10 June, London <https://live.ft.com/Events/2015/FT-Digital-Health-Summit-Europe>

Caring Together to transform health and wellbeing... delivered through TECS 12 June, Macclesfield <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/caring-together-to-transform-health-and-wellbeing-delivered-through-tecs-tickets-16749351762>

International Digital Health and Care Congress – The King's Fund 16/17 June 2015 – <http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/events/digital-health-and-care-congress-2015>

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

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