Telecare LIN	**News Headlines: 25 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.

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Some UK News Headlines this week

(i) There are questions over the Government's pledge to recruit 5000 additional GPs by 2020 (Guardian article). On the BBC website, Nick Triggle asks whether nurses will become the new doctors.

(ii) Catch up with some of the highlights of the recent Digital Health and Care congress in London via the King's Fund Website along with a blog from Matthew Honeyman.

(iii) Tunstall Healthcare Group is to invest up to £100m over the next five years bringing the company into the digital age at a time when an ageing population is increasingly switching to care in the home (Yorkshire Post article).

(iv) Google has unveiled a new health-focused wristband that provides constant patient information for participants in medical studies and clinical field trials (TechCrunch article).

(v) Community pharmacists across England will be given the opportunity to access the Summary Care Record (HSCIC report).

(vi) From the U.S.: Nearly 20 years after videoconferencing technology has been available for health services, fewer than 1 percent of Medicare beneficiaries use it (Healthcare IT News). Meanwhile, Mobihealthnews covers a Tractica report which suggests that medical video consultations and visits will increase from 19.7 million annually in 2014 to 158.4 million per year by 2020.

(vii) Telecare Services Association have some video clips from the recent Cheshire event on 12 June 2015.

(viii) More than 1,000 people living with long-term conditions in Northern Ireland are regularly monitoring their own vital signs at home, according to Telemonitoring NI.

(ix) People will be able to add data from wearable devices to their electronic patient record by 2018, according to Tim Kelsey from NHS England.

Upcoming Telecare/Telehealth/Digital Health events:

July 2015

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

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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