



News Headlines: 2 July 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 1000 links of interest during June 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) Staff from East Thames Housing and Alcove, have been demonstrating the role of assistive technology in a care and support environment at the Health and Care Commissioning Show at Excel and at HACT's HouseParty event in Manchester. A live demo showed how motion sensors, door sensors and smart watches can help build a comprehensive picture of each resident's wellbeing, allowing support workers to use their time more efficiently, targeting those who most need one to one support ([East Thames article](#)).

(ii) Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt [speaking](#) at the recent LGA Conference: "We need to start by taking more personal responsibility for our own health'. Doctors report dramatic increases in the number of expert patients who Google their conditions and this can be challenging for doctors not used to being second-guessed. But it is to be warmly welcomed: the best person to manage a long-term condition is the person who has that long term condition. The best person to prevent a long term condition developing is not the doctor - it's you. Which is why last year, following changes to the GP contract, the number of GPs offering their patients online access to a summary of their medical record has risen from 3% to 97%. This needs to be the start of a much bigger change where everyone feels firmly in the driving seat for their own health outcomes and an area where the NHS and local government can work together'.

(iii) Significant delays to the General Practice Extraction Service have seen costs rise from £14 million to £40 million - and design failures mean it is unlikely to have a long-term future, a National Audit Office report has said ([Reported](#) at Digital Health Intelligence).

(iv) Dallas, Texas-based video visits telehealth company Teladoc has raised \$156.8 million in its IPO. When a patient needs a doctor but doesn't want to make an appointment, he or she can use their Teladoc app to schedule a remote visit. The visit includes a one-on-one consultation with a doctor over phone or via video chat. The patient's employer or health plan may also subsidise the visit if they have an agreement with Teladoc, but the visit's price tag is close to that of a deductible – about \$40. ([Mobihealthnews article](#))

(v) Smartphone cameras are an acceptable substitute for digital cameras when conducting a medical teleconsultation, according to a researchers at Sweden's Karolinska Institutet and Stellenbosch University in South Africa ([Mobihealthnews article](#)).

(vi) NHS England's Simon Stevens [said](#) recently: *“The NHS is ready to roll its sleeves up and play its part in putting health at the heart of our new neighbourhoods and towns. This country needs a big expansion in affordable new house building, but as we do so, let's future-proof our new communities for the health and care challenges of this new century – obesity, dementia, new models of digital health. To advance this agenda NHS England with support from Public Health England are inviting leading local authorities, housing associations and the construction sector to identify development projects where they would like NHS support in creating health-promoting new towns and neighbourhoods in England. With around 200,000 extra homes needed to be built every year for the next five years, the challenges are significant but as construction picks up, there is a huge opportunity to shape places to radically improve population health, integrate health and care services, and offer new digital and virtual care fit for the future”.*

(vii) £1.5m is [available](#) via the Health Foundation for up to 20 teams to test and develop innovative ideas and approaches to improve health care delivery and/or the way people manage their own health care in the UK.

(viii) Why are employers using wearable tech to monitor their workers? – a new [article](#) from the Telegraph – also see the recent [blog](#) from Maneesh Juneja on a similar subject.

(ix) There is a new Parks Associates report on 'Smart Home Platforms for Health' that addresses connected health and IoT opportunities for the smart home ([Yahoo article](#)).

Upcoming Telecare/Telehealth/Digital Health events for 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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