



News Headlines: 30 April 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 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) In a Guardian [letter](#), Professor Chris Ham from the King’s Fund and Nigel Edwards from the Nuffield Trust question the Election bidding war over NHS funding – “All the parties must spell out when their pledges of extra funding will translate into hard cash to address the growing black hole in NHS finances...and discussion about social care funding is a serious omission from the election debate and an issue that none of the three main parties have addressed.” Also from the Guardian: [What will the election mean for the UK's public services?](#)

Here are the main manifesto links - [Conservative](#), [Green](#), [Labour/Labour Health](#), [Liberal Democrat](#), [UKIP SNP](#). You can find more information on health and care discussions at [The Kings Fund Nuffield Trust](#), [Health Foundation](#).

(ii) In the [Guardian](#) - Matthew Godfrey-Faussett argues that digital health technology could redefine healthcare for the better, but data security remains the greatest challenge.

- (iii) Dr Kevin Doughty looks at the next ten years of telecare in a TelecareAware [article](#).
- (iv) The Royal College of Physicians has published [guidance](#) on medical apps and CE marking – here is the [response](#) from the Digital Health and Care Alliance.
- (v) From [EHI](#) - West Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group has pulled out of a partnership with West Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust to pilot a care home telemedicine service, putting the project at risk.
- (vi) The Guardian has wide [coverage](#) of the Care Act which commenced in England in April 2015. See also March newsletter [supplement](#).
- (vii) Maggie Winchcombe [argues](#) that the way assistive living products are marketed can turn people off due to negativity around old age – She considers that this needs to change.
- (viii) King’s College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust has become one of the first trusts in the UK to use the newly launched Apple Watch as part of patient care in chemotherapy ([EHI report](#)).
- (ix) The Welsh Government has [announced](#) an extension of its fund to integrate health and social care.
- (x) In over 100 journal articles this month – here are three important reports for anyone looking at digital health and care.
- [Ethical implications of home telecare for older people: a framework derived from a multisited participative study](#)
 - [What is quality in assisted living technology? The ARCHIE framework for effective telehealth and telecare services](#)
 - [Making sense of technology adoption in healthcare: meso-level considerations](#)

Upcoming Telecare/Telehealth/Digital Health events:

May 2015

ATA Conference – 2-5 May 2015, Los Angeles <http://www.americantelemed.org/ata-2015/conference-overview#.VO4623ysU1l>

Digital Health Conference – Dubai – 5 to 7 May 2015 <http://nuviun.com/digital-health-conference>

The Future of Medicine – Technology and the Role of the Doctor in 2025 – 6 May, London <http://www.theiet.org/events/2015/215414.cfm>

The Digital Health Innovation Summit – 13-14 May 2015, Philadelphia <http://10times.com/digital-health-innovation-summit>

People-driven Digital Health & Wellbeing – 13 & 14 May 2015, Leeds <http://mhealthhabitat.co.uk/people-driven-digital-health-wellbeing-13-14-may-hold-the-date/>

5th International Conference on Digital Health – Florence 18 to 20 May 2015 <http://www.acm-digitalhealth.org/>

Falls Prevention and Management in Older People, Birmingham 21 May 2015 <http://www.healthcareconferencesuk.co.uk/falls-prevention-in-older-people-training>

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