



## News Headlines 31 December 2015

Over the last few months, we have been providing weekly headlines only since our Innovate UK funding ended in March 2015.

Our news service has been available since October 2005. Our Housing LIN and Telecare LIN membership database exceeds 40,000 people from around the world.

From January 2016 we will be back with a [monthly](#) Telecare LIN roundup as well as maintaining weekly headlines together with daily news via Twitter (follow @clarkmike and #TLINenews).

As in the past, we will be continuing to bring you an extensive curated coverage of digital health and technology enabled care references from the UK and around the world including telehealth, telecare, mobile health, telemedicine, ehealth, smart home technologies and Internet of Things. We will also be including more in the future on health informatics (including electronic health and care records), big data, artificial intelligence as well as health and care robotics.

### Headlines

- (i) Robot shakes things up for Singapore seniors – [CNCB video](#).
- (ii) From [Scotland's Health & Social Care Academy](#) - Five Provocations for the Future of Health and Social Care.
- (iii) How RFID technology improves hospital care at Mayo Clinic ([HBR](#)).
- (iv) Digital Economy Minister Ed Vaizey is seeking [ideas](#) from public and industry on the UK's digital strategy.
- (v) A university in Singapore has released footage of a human-looking robot having a conversation with its creator, comparing it to Star Wars' C-3PO and suggesting it can be used as a "social companion for the young and the elderly" in the future ([Independent](#)).
- (vi) Hundreds of patients were left without medicines over Christmas due to technical problems at an online pharmacy ([Telegraph](#)).
- (vii) From Digital Health News:

- [Sixteen Healthcare IT predictions for 2016](#)
- [Sixteen tasks for NHS England in 2016](#)

(viii) Interview with Mike Short, Vice-President of Telefónica Europe ([Mobile Health Global](#)).

(ix) Whitehall is not learning from previous IT failures - The Committee of Public Accounts highlights severe failures in the creation of the General Practice Extraction Service (GPES) - an IT system designed to allow the extraction of data from all GP practice computer systems in England ([PAC](#)).

(x) Mental health now area of most public concern within NHS - Inadequate support of greater concern than trouble getting a GP appointment and desire for more joined-up services ([Guardian](#)).

(xi) All 2016 Samsung smart TVs will be ready to talk to your appliances ([PC World](#)).

(xii) Should we use robots to care for the elderly? ([DW article](#)).

(xiii) London's air ambulance is trialling a hand-held scanner which can detect potentially life-threatening brain injuries. The device, called an "infrascanner", can spot clots on the surface of the brain, which - if left untreated - can lead to disability or death ([BBC](#)).

(xiv) 'Google's grab for the New York sidewalk has begun with the rollout of LinkNYC free public Wi-Fi' ([The Next Web](#)).

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