



## News Headlines: 6 August 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 have been over 6000 links of interest since June 2015 – 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 News Headlines this week

(i) NHS trusts have been told their financial plans are 'unaffordable'. Monitor and the Trust Development Authority are contacting NHS providers to reduce the risk of a £2bn deficit by the end of March 2016 ([BBC article](#)).

(ii) A new hospital-based GP practice in East London funded by the PM Challenge Fund and called 'Health1000' is working with people with five or more long term conditions to provide more responsive care and to reduce pressures on A&E ([Pulse Article](#)).

(iii) Your Homes Newcastle's Community Care Alarm Service (CCAS) has worked in partnership with IT specialist Green Access, installation partner Openview, assisted living centre provider Jontek and the Telecare Services Association to develop a sustainable, digital platform that will future-proof the housing provider's care and support offer ([Green Access article](#)).

(iv) A support package has been announced for NHS England's Vanguard Sites that includes help with technology implementation ([Digital Health Article](#)).

(v) The Department of Health is formally [consulting](#) on how it can remove £200m from local authority public health budgets.

(vi) [From the U.S.](#): IBM's Watson computer system is linking up with CVS Health (7800 local pharmacies, 1000 walk-in clinics, 70m plan members) so that practitioners will be able to gain insights from a mix of health information sources such as medical health records, pharmacy and medical claims information, environmental factors, and fitness devices to help individuals stay on track with their care and meet health goals. The first conditions to be addressed by the programme will be diabetes, heart disease, hypertension, and obesity.

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