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.

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Some UK News Headlines this week

(i) The Royal College of GPs' has said that at current rates, it would take until 2045 to find Labour's promised 8,000 extra GPs – and until 2034 to hire the 5,000 the Tories propose. Also, Average GP waiting times could hit two weeks by next year.

(ii) How does the Apple Watch compare with the latest from Samsung – Maneesh Juneja takes a look.

(iii) 'Why patients must rely less on doctors: Improving our own health is the 'blockbuster drug of the century' – Interesting article from The Independent with telehealth references.

(iv) There are a number of developments around IBM Watson including the possibility of reducing time for cancer diagnosis and establishing personalised treatment.

- BBC News: IBM's Watson supercomputer could speed up cancer care - 14 U.S. hospitals involved
- Epic, Watson, Mayo Clinic at work on interoperability around EHRs
- Welltok and IBM Watson Help Centura Health Deliver Personalized Guidance for Consumers Living with Heart Conditions

(v) A telehealth pilot of 135 patients at Phoenix, Arizona-based Banner Health has had an impact on costs, hospitalizations and hospital stays.

(vi) The 29 NHS England Vanguard sites may not be able to access the full £200m transformation fund suggests Health Service Journal (requires subscription).

(vii) A U.S. Study has reported that 195 hospital closures from 2003-11 had no measurable impact on local hospitalization rates or mortality rates.

(viii) From the U.S. - New services send a doctor or nurse to your door – find out more about Heal, Pager, CurbSide Care, Go2Nurse.

(ix) Britain could be forced to introduce internet rationing, after an expert warned it could consume the country's entire power supply within 20 years. Experts said we were close to "filling up" the nation's network of optical fibres for the first time ever, with the demands of popular video-streaming websites like YouTube and Netflix putting an unprecedented strain on communications infrastructure (Independent Article).

(x) Interested in the #PDDAwards15? - Ordinary people solving health/care problems with digital tech - closes 24 May 2015 (Links: http://bit.ly/1DQ6e6W & http://bit.ly/1PkpXB3).

Upcoming Telecare/Telehealth/Digital Health events:

May 2015

ATA Conference – 2-5 May 2015, Los Angeles http://www.americantelemed.org/ata-2015/conference-overview#.VO4623ysU1I

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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