



News Headlines: 9 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 have been over 4500 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 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) The [budget](#) has confirmed £8bn for the NHS in England by 2020. However, as described in the [Guardian](#) there are various ways of interpreting the statement. The announcement of the compulsory national living wage will have an impact on homecare providers and local authorities (Community Care [article](#)). There is no coverage of the potential £4bn+ shortfall in social care funding by 2020. The Guardian [reports](#) that Ministers are considering shelving the personal liability cap for long-term care costs.

(ii) A combination of heart disease and diabetes can shorten your life by more than a decade, a large [study](#) has shown.

(iii) A smartphone heart monitor and a groundbreaking genetic research programme are among 17 healthcare inventions to be rolled out to patients across England after winning an NHS competition. The 17 successful projects will receive funding and coaching as they are rolled out to patients, hospitals and GP practices ([Guardian article](#)).

Also:

[Seventeen 'healthcare pioneers' selected](#)

(iv) Evidence of the benefits of many Nursing Technology Fund projects is "scarce", according to a report commissioned by NHS England ([Digital Health Intelligence article](#)). The Tech Fund, released in two batches of £30 million and £35 million, has supported more than 150 projects using 10 technology types ranging from electronic observations to digital pens.

(v) From an Alzheimer's Society Survey: Three-quarters of GPs say their dementia patients are forced to rely on family, friends, neighbours or other unpaid carers, because they get insufficient help from health and social care services. A quarter of GPs are reluctant to refer people with suspected dementia if support services are not in place. A similar percentage said their ability to manage a patient with the condition was hampered by their own lack of training ([Guardian article](#)).

(vi) Surgery closures in London could leave hundreds of thousands without a GP - Experts warn of an impending crisis as up to 140 practices in the capital could shut with the remaining ones struggling to cope ([Guardian article](#)).

(vii) Financial problems 'now endemic' in NHS England, says King's Fund ([Guardian article](#)). Also from The King's Fund – Better value in the NHS – [report](#)

(viii) Wales is nearing the complete roll-out of its 'My Health Online' portal for online bookings and repeat prescriptions ([Digital Health Intelligence article](#)).

(ix) From Age UK: The state of elderly care in England is "unacceptable in a civilised society" - more than a million people now get no help at all for basic care ([Independent article](#)).

(x) £1.5m is available (via [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. Each team will receive up to £75,000 of funding to support the implementation and measurement of the project. Deadline: 12 noon, Tuesday 4 August, 2015.

(xi) From HSJ ([£ subscription](#)): NHS England has told commissioners to suspend all GP out of hours and NHS 111 procurements while it draws up new rules for creating 'functionally integrated' urgent care services.

(xii) Moorgate Mill is an award winning development consisting of 20 apartments adapted to meet the needs of residents with complex needs. The innovative complex has been fitted with cutting-edge adaptive technology from ATEL and Tunstall including telecare sensors, telehealth systems and access control, so that tenants can benefit from state-of-the-art care solutions to support them now and in the future ([Tunstall news article](#)).

Upcoming Telecare/Telehealth/Digital Health events for July 2015

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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