



## NEWSLETTER December 2011

### **Editor's Comment:**

Season's Greetings and welcome to the December 2011 ALIP/Telecare LIN newsletter. To add briefly to Mike Clark's introduction below I wanted to highlight the online innovation website which is provided for you by the Technology Strategy Board for networking, knowledge exchange and to keep you even closer to the latest information about independent living. Please visit the ALIP Group on [\\_connect](#) and join the rapidly growing community there:

<https://connect.innovateuk.org/web/assisted-living-innovation-platform-alip>

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### **Introduction Prepared by Mike Clark (Twitter: @clarkmike)**

Hot off the heels of the NHS Operating Framework 2011-2013, this edition brings together the extensive coverage of the early headline findings from the Whole System Demonstrator (WSD) Programme, the 'Three Million Lives' initiative, the NHS Innovation Report, the recent announcements of the Northern Ireland £18m/20,000 patient telehealth programme and the normal monthly round up of links and events.

Now five years since its initial announcement, the Department of Health in England has published the early findings from the WSD Programme for telehealth. The headlines look very positive and have received extensive worldwide coverage. As part of a wider range of Government life sciences initiatives, the Department has announced an initiative to support three million people with long term conditions over the next five years. There is no identifiable new Department of Health funding and the aim is to work with industry partners to cover upfront costs on the basis of an ongoing revenue stream. More details are expected in the coming months along with detailed, peer-reviewed papers on the WSD details for telehealth and telecare.

In the meantime, the Northern Ireland Government has formally launched their £18m programme to support 3,500 people with long term conditions each year over the next six years.

Alongside these announcements, the US, Australia and other countries have been announcing further telehealth and telemedicine programmes. With a growing number of consumer smartphone apps, peripheral devices and novel applications, this is a particularly exciting time for all forms of technology-based remote monitoring and support.

If you would like daily information, then a Twitter stream is now available at:

<http://www.telecarelin.org.uk/News/twitterStream/>

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## **Section 1: Headline findings from the Whole System Demonstrator Programme**

The early headline findings from the Whole System Demonstrator Programme in England were published on 5 December 2011. The findings relate to telehealth only and introduce the ‘Three Million Lives’ Initiative. Since publication there has been extensive worldwide coverage in newspapers, the internet and social media. This section includes all of the links published between 5-12 December – firstly, through the Government/Department of Health and secondly in the wider media.

### **a) Department of Health**

#### **Government boost to world leading UK life science industry - DH Press Release**

- Three million at-risk patients to receive hi-tech equipment in the home.
- New £180 million ‘valley of death’ catalyst fund for new medical breakthroughs.
- Cutting NHS red tape to give patients faster access to drugs.

“...Key measures include:

- Deploying remote medical devices – such as home-based equipment that can send details of the vital statistics of at-risk patients directly to doctors – to 3 million people over the next five years. This will improve the lives of millions of people across the UK, saving lives and putting the UK at the forefront of global healthcare;

Notes to editors:

5. The Department of Health will accelerate the use of telehealth and telecare technologies – such as home-based equipment that can send details of the vital statistics of at-risk patients directly to clinicians – to improve the lives of 3 million people over the next five years, putting the UK at the forefront of global healthcare;

<http://mediacentre.dh.gov.uk/2011/12/05/govt-boost-to-uk-life-science-industry/>

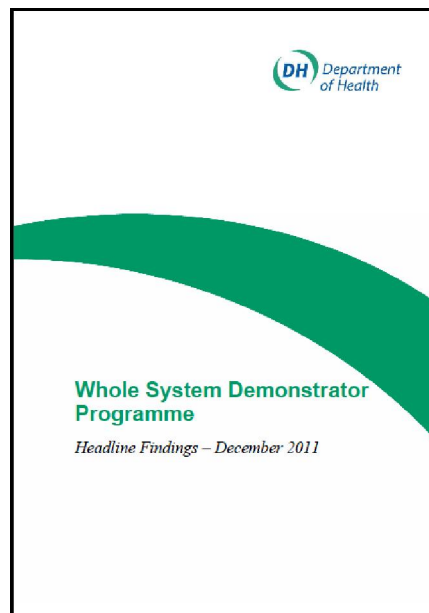
### **Whole system demonstrator programme: Headline findings – December 2011**

The Whole System Demonstrator (WSD) programme is the largest randomised controlled trial of telehealth and telecare in the world, involving 6191 patients, 238 GP practices across three sites, Newham, Kent and Cornwall. WSD was set up to look at cost effectiveness, clinical effectiveness, organisational issues, effect on carers and workforce issues. It focused on three conditions, diabetes, COPD and coronary heart disease. The programme will provide a clear evidence base to support important investment decisions and show how technology supports people to live independently, take control and be responsible for their own health and care.

The WSD programme: Headline findings – December 2011 is now available. They show that, if delivered properly, telehealth can substantially reduce mortality, reduce the need for admissions to hospital, lower the number of bed days spent in hospital and reduce the time spent in A&E.

At least three million people with Long Term Conditions and/or social care needs could benefit from using telehealth and telecare. To achieve this level of change the Department of Health is planning to work with industry, the NHS, social care and professional partners in a collaboration with a difference, the “Three Million Lives” campaign.

<http://www.dh.gov.uk/health/2011/12/wsd-headline-findings/>



### **Early headline findings**

The early indications show that if used correctly telehealth can deliver a 15% reduction in A&E visits, a 20% reduction in emergency admissions, a 14% reduction in elective admissions, a 14% reduction in bed days and an 8% reduction in tariff costs. More strikingly they also demonstrate a 45% reduction in mortality rates.

### **What Happens Now?**

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to work with industry, the NHS, social care and professional partners in a collaboration with a difference, the “Three Million Lives” campaign.

This is not a national target or a government guarantee of delivery, instead it is about the Department providing national leadership, strategic direction, and advice to NHS and social care organisations; with support from industry who would be responsible for creating the market and working with local organisations to deliver the change.

The detailed workplan for the ‘Three Million Lives’ campaign is still in the early stages of development with all stakeholders and further information will be available in due course.

[http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH\\_131684](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_131684)

### **Accelerating adoption of innovation in the NHS**

“...Innovation must be encouraged and nurtured. Designing and implementing change will need all parts of the health and social care system to plan and improve together. This report requires all NHS organisations to build the actions set out into their planning processes, for 2012/13.”

<http://www.dh.gov.uk/health/2011/12/nhs-adopting-innovation/>

### **Innovation, health and wealth – Letter from Sir David Nicholson**

“The report sets out a number of High Impact Changes that we can make an immediate start on. The rapid spread of telehealth technology....”

[http://www.dh.gov.uk/dr\\_consum\\_dh/groups/dh\\_digitalassets/documents/digitalasset/dh\\_131691.pdf](http://www.dh.gov.uk/dr_consum_dh/groups/dh_digitalassets/documents/digitalasset/dh_131691.pdf)

### **Innovation, health and wealth – Accelerating adoption and diffusion in the NHS - Report**

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“We will align financial, operational and performance incentives to support the adoption and diffusion of innovation by:

-Developing a tariff for assistive technologies (telehealth, telecare) that, like Australia and the US, would incentivise rather than block their rapid spread

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### **3 MILLION LIVES**

Early indications from the Whole System Demonstrator programme show that dramatic (and independently evaluated) reductions in emergency attendances, admissions, levels of mortality and hospital bed days are possible. To make the most of these possibilities we need to spread the use of telehealth and telecare across the country.

Assistive technologies have the potential to deliver transformational improvements in the quality of care we provide, and taken together with service redesign they also have the potential to deliver significant cost savings. We have the opportunity to adopt these technologies on a scale that would put the NHS at the forefront of the management of chronic disease globally.

However, capital investment costs can be prohibitively expensive. To avoid this we will work with industry to identify ways of reprofiling costs so that they can be met from downstream revenue savings.

- We will accelerate the use of assistive technologies in the NHS, aiming to improve at least 3 million lives over the next five years.

[http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH\\_131299](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_131299)

## **House of Commons – Life Sciences Statement by Andrew Lansley**

**5 December 2011**

### **Andrew Lansley (Secretary of State, Health; South Cambridgeshire, Conservative)**

“.....Sometimes, it is a question of evidence. Until recently, we could not say with certainty that telehealth could keep people out of hospital and save lives, and there was understandable reluctance among parts of the NHS and councils to invest in untried technology. However, as early results from the whole system demonstrator pilots show, the potential of telehealth is nothing short of remarkable, with dramatic reductions in mortality, in hospital admissions, in emergency visits and in the number of hospital bed days. To make the most of this, we will support the NHS and work in partnership with industry and councils dramatically to spread the use of telehealth over the next five years. In doing so, we are looking to transform the lives of 3 million people in this country.

We will become a global leader in the management of chronic and long-term conditions, generating massive opportunities for UK companies developing this technology. It will be innovation in practice and we will foster other proven innovations such as fluid management technology techniques that were developed for use in high-risk surgery and critical care to help clinicians administer fluids and drugs safely....”

### **John Pugh (Southport, Liberal Democrat)**

I welcome the statement. The Secretary of State mentions telehealth, which is currently making greater progress in Scotland than in England. Has this anything to do with less structural reform or more strategic leadership?

### **Andrew Lansley (Secretary of State, Health; South Cambridgeshire, Conservative)**

My hon. Friend might like to know that while initial and very positive steps were taken in Scotland — for example, in Lanarkshire—we have now undertaken, through the whole system demonstrator pilots, the world’s largest randomised control trial of telehealth technology, and that gives us a strength from which we can develop telehealth systems that is unparalleled anywhere in the world. In so far as there is a capacity to provide telehealth systems and provide for their use across health care systems, I suspect that we shall shortly see England overtake Scotland in that respect. It is a

form of competition that I am perfectly happy to be engaged in—and if the Scots can do better than us, then good luck to them. However, we are showing, through these pilots, how we are ready to go at developing something of great benefit to patients.

**Nick de Bois (Enfield North, Conservative)**

I warmly welcome the commitment to telehealth and the expansion of it over the next five years. Does the Secretary of State agree, however, that that represents a step change for patients? Will it be the responsibility of councils and stakeholders to demonstrate the value and benefits of telehealth to their patients, so that there is full buy-in?

**Andrew Lansley (Secretary of State, Health; South Cambridgeshire, Conservative)**

I am grateful to my hon. Friend. The figures from the evaluation of the 6,000 or so patients who have participated in the three pilots in Cornwall, Kent and Newham suggest that if telehealth is appropriately and properly provided, there are benefits. There was a total reduction of 45% in mortality, about 21% in accident and emergency visits, about 15% in planned admissions and bed stays in hospital and about 8% in costs. Those are dramatic benefits, but the most important aspect is the empowerment that telehealth gives patients so that they can be at home and be confident about their care, rather than be prey to rapid crises leading to admission to hospital.

**Philip Hollobone (Kettering, Conservative)**

Given that Northamptonshire has one of the most rapidly growing populations of patients in older age of anywhere in the country, I am sure my constituents will welcome the Secretary of State's commitment that this country will become the global leader in the management of chronic and long-term conditions. We want to realise that praiseworthy ambition, but how far behind the curve are we at the moment?

**Andrew Lansley (Secretary of State, Health; South Cambridgeshire, Conservative)**

The answer to that question varies depending on which conditions one is talking about. When one looks at the OECD "Health at a Glance" data that was published on 23 November, one sees how relatively poor are our mortality outcomes in relation to respiratory and chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases. By contrast, we are slightly better than average in relation to diabetes. However, I have seen for myself how well patients with COPD can manage their conditions at home. For example, they can see their blood oxygen levels day-by-day and have supplies of medicines at home, including steroids. They can therefore anticipate and deal with any exacerbations of their condition so that they do not end up in an ambulance going to hospital late at night.

<http://www.theyworkforyou.com/debates/?id=2011-12-05a.23.0>

**House of Lords – Life Sciences Statement by Earl Howe**

**6 December 2011**

**Earl Howe (Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Health)**

“As the NHS chief executive's review of innovation has shown, the NHS needs to be quicker and smarter in adopting new technologies and approaches to care that can both save more lives and cut costs. Sometimes, it is a question of evidence. Until recently, we could not say with certainty that telehealth could keep people out of hospital and save lives. There was understandable reluctance

among parts of the NHS and councils to invest in untried technology. However, as early results from the Whole System Demonstrator pilots show, the potential of telehealth is nothing short of remarkable, with dramatic reductions in mortality, hospital admissions, emergency visits and the number of hospital bed days. To make the most of this, we will support the NHS and work in partnership with industry and councils dramatically to spread the use of telehealth over the next five years. In doing so, we are looking to transform the lives of 3 million people in this country. We will become a global leader in the management of chronic and long-term conditions, generating massive opportunities for UK companies developing this technology. It will be innovation in practice; and we will foster other proven innovations such as fluid management technology techniques that were developed for use in high-risk surgery and critical care to help clinicians administer fluids and drugs safely.

<http://www.theyworkforyou.com/lords/?id=2011-12-06a.685.0&s=telehealth#g685.1>

#### **b) Press and other coverage**

##### **Daily Telegraph: Three million NHS patients 'monitored' at home to free up hospitals**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/health/healthnews/8936196/Three-million-NHS-patients-monitored-at-home-to-free-up-hospitals.html>

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/8936205/Patients-to-be-monitored-in-the-home-by-remote-control.html>

##### **David Cameron Speech at FT Conference (5 Dec) – telehealth reference**

“Just look at our approach to telehealth – getting new technology into patients’ homes so they can be monitored remotely.

We’ve trialed it, it’s been a huge success, and now we’re on a drive to roll this out nationwide.

The aim – to improve three million lives over the next five years. This is going to make an extraordinary difference to people.

Diabetics taking their blood sugar levels at home – and having them checked by a nurse. Heart disease patients having their blood pressure and pulse rate checked – without leaving their home.

Dignity, convenience and independence for millions of people. And this is not just a good healthcare story. It’s going to put us miles ahead of other countries commercially too...as part of our plan to make our NHS the driver of innovation in UK life sciences”.

[http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/2011/12/05/david-cameron-on-life-sciences-speech\\_n\\_1129316.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/2011/12/05/david-cameron-on-life-sciences-speech_n_1129316.html)

##### **Community Care: Three million people with long-term conditions to benefit from telehealth**

<http://www.communitycare.co.uk/Articles/05/12/2011/117856/government-wants-mass-roll-out-of-telecare-services.htm>

##### **The independent: Cameron plans early access to new drugs for patients**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/cameron-plans-early-access-to-new-drugs-for-patients-6272620.html>

##### **Tunstall Press Release: Telehealth Strongly Validated By First Results from Whole System Demonstrator Programme**

<http://ta-images.s3.amazonaws.com/images/pdfs/tunstall-pr-5dec11.pdf>

**Telecare Aware: UK Prime Minister commends WSD results and telehealth**

<http://www.telecareaware.com/index.php/uk-prime-minister-commends-wsd-results-and-telehealth.html>

**eHealth Insider: DH launches 3m lives telehealth campaign**

<http://www.ehi.co.uk/news/primary-care/7378/dh-launches-3m-lives-telehealth-campaign>

**Intellect: Innovation, Health and Wealth – Government ‘get that the game has changed’**

<http://www.intellectuk.org/blog/2011/12/06/innovation-health-and-wealth/>

**GPOne: Telehealth halves deaths, largest trial yet shows**

[http://www.gponline.com/bulletin/daily\\_news/article/1107813/telehealth-halves-deaths-largest-trial-yet-shows/?DCMP=EMC-ED-News,jobsandCPD-1107813](http://www.gponline.com/bulletin/daily_news/article/1107813/telehealth-halves-deaths-largest-trial-yet-shows/?DCMP=EMC-ED-News,jobsandCPD-1107813)

**RTT News: Philips: UK Dept. Of Health Study Shows Merits Of Remote Monitoring Systems**

<http://www.rttnews.com/1775309/philips-uk-dept-of-health-study-shows-merits-of-remote-monitoring-systems.aspx?type=qf>

**MSN: Millions to get 'telehealth' help**

<http://news.uk.msn.com/politics/articles.aspx?cp-documentid=159986960>

**4 Traders: Philips welcomes initial results of largest home healthcare clinical study to date**

<http://www.4-traders.com/PHILIPS-KON-6289/news/PHILIPS-KON-Philips-welcomes-initial-results-of-largest-home-healthcare-clinical-study-to-date-13920984/>

**Philips welcomes initial results of largest home healthcare clinical study to date**

[http://finchannel.com/Main\\_News/Tech/99475\\_Philips\\_welcomes\\_initial\\_results\\_of\\_largest\\_home\\_healthcare\\_clinical\\_study\\_to\\_date/](http://finchannel.com/Main_News/Tech/99475_Philips_welcomes_initial_results_of_largest_home_healthcare_clinical_study_to_date/)

**NASDAQ: Philips: UK Dept. Of Health Study Shows Merits Of Remote Monitoring Systems**

[http://www.nasdaq.com/aspx/stock-market-news-story.aspx?storyid=201112060412rttraderusequity\\_0212&title=philipsuk-deptof-health-study-shows-merits-of-remote-monitoring-systems](http://www.nasdaq.com/aspx/stock-market-news-story.aspx?storyid=201112060412rttraderusequity_0212&title=philipsuk-deptof-health-study-shows-merits-of-remote-monitoring-systems)

**BBC: Cornwall NHS home health-check project rolled out in UK**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-cornwall-16041936>

**Atlantic FM: Cornish health project praised**

<http://www.atlantic.fm/news/cornwall-news/cornish-health-project-praised-2291/>

**HSJ: Industry will meet start-up costs for telehealth, Nicholson says (requires subscription)**

[http://www.hsj.co.uk/news/finance/industry-will-meet-start-up-costs-for-telehealth-nicholson-says/5038820.article?referrer=RSS&utm\\_source=1%26WT.tsrc%3Dtwitter%26WT.mc\\_id%3Dtwitter\\_twitterfeed\\_news](http://www.hsj.co.uk/news/finance/industry-will-meet-start-up-costs-for-telehealth-nicholson-says/5038820.article?referrer=RSS&utm_source=1%26WT.tsrc%3Dtwitter%26WT.mc_id%3Dtwitter_twitterfeed_news)

**HSJ: North Yorkshire and York PCT welcomes evidence for telehealth (requires subscription)**

<http://www.hsj.co.uk/hsj-local/pcts/north-yorkshire-and-york-pct/north-yorkshire-and-york-pct-welcomes-evidence-for-telehealth/5038856.article>



**Telehealth Strongly Validated By First Results from Whole System Demonstrator Programme**  
<http://tunstall-telehealthcare.blogspot.com/2011/12/telehealth-strongly-validated-by-first.html>

**Telehealth Strongly Validated by First Results from Whole System Demonstrator Programme**  
<http://www.ehealthnews.eu/tunstall/2860-telehealth-strongly-validated-by-first-results-from-whole-system-demonstrator-programme>

**Guardian: Telehealth can cut mortality by a half**  
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/healthcare-network/2011/dec/06/telehealth-significant-benefits-cut-deaths?newsfeed=true>

**Intellect UK: Roll-out of telehealth and telecare services to 3m homes gets government go-ahead**  
<http://www.intellectuk.org/media-centre/media-releases/7758-roll-out-of-telehealth-and-telecare-services-to-3m-homes-gets-government-go-ahead>

**Computing.co.uk: Industry leaders welcome telehealth plan**  
<http://www.computing.co.uk/ctg/news/2130427/industry-leaders-welcome-telehealth-plan>

**Becker's Hospital Review: UK Study: Telehealth Interventions Can Slash Mortality Rates by Nearly Half**  
<http://www.beckershospitalreview.com/healthcare-information-technology/uk-study-telehealth-interventions-can-slash-mortality-rates-by-nearly-half.html>

**New Tunstall WSD Website**  
<http://www.tunstallwsd.co.uk/>

**British Lung Foundation: Tele-health 'should complement rather than substitute face to face care'**  
<http://www.lunguk.org/media-and-campaigning/media-centre/latestpressreleases/tele-health-drive-blf-response>

**Philips welcomes initial results of largest home healthcare clinical study to date**  
<http://www.dutchdailynews.com/philips-welcomes-initial-results-of-largest-home-healthcare-clinical-study-to-date/>

**Pulse: NHS telehealth drive**  
[http://www.pulsetoday.co.uk/article-content/-/article\\_display\\_list/13150443/premature-birth-risks-nhs-telehealth-drive-and-stocking-up-on-pill-for-christmas](http://www.pulsetoday.co.uk/article-content/-/article_display_list/13150443/premature-birth-risks-nhs-telehealth-drive-and-stocking-up-on-pill-for-christmas)

**Daily Mail: It's the DIY NHS! Patients told to carry out their own tests at home in 'tele-health' government scheme**  
<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-2070521/Three-million-patients-cared-remotely-perform-DIY-check-ups.html#ixzz1fID7u7yA>

**Times (subscription) - Nick Goodwin comments on new whole system demonstrator programme headline figures**  
<http://cot.ag/usTCQq>

### **Public Service: Telehealth to benefit 3 million NHS patients**

With the potential to save £1.2bn a year the NHS is expected to spend £750m implementing the technology, it has been reported. But government plans said this would be done in collaboration with private companies.

"For high impact technologies that have demonstrated clinical effectiveness, such as telehealth, the NHS Commissioning Board will accelerate adoption throughout the NHS," the prospectus said.

"This will be done in partnership with industry using a new approach that will aim to deliver this technology across the country to improve 3 million lives over the next five years."

[http://www.publicservice.co.uk/news\\_story.asp?id=18224](http://www.publicservice.co.uk/news_story.asp?id=18224)

### **Hospital IT Europe: Telehealth roll-out gets UK government go-ahead**

[http://www.hospitaliteurope.com/article/27625/Telehealth\\_roll-out\\_gets\\_UK\\_government\\_go-ahead](http://www.hospitaliteurope.com/article/27625/Telehealth_roll-out_gets_UK_government_go-ahead)

### **Healthcare Europa: Telehealth results are stunning**

[http://www.healthcareeuropa.com/articles/20111206\\_1](http://www.healthcareeuropa.com/articles/20111206_1)

### **Fines to follow NICS standards failures**

<http://www.practicebusiness.co.uk/news/1445/fines-to-follow-nice-standard-failures/>

**King's Fund – Nick Goodwin Blog: Are the Whole System Demonstrator trial results a watershed moment for the rise of telehealth?**

[http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/blog/wsdan\\_results.html](http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/blog/wsdan_results.html)

### **HSJ (requires subscription): Penalties for providers and commissioners failing to innovate**

<http://www.hsj.co.uk/penalties-for-providers-and-commissioners-failing-to-innovate/5038854.article>

### **Public finance: Telehealth: fact or (science) fiction?**

<http://opinion.publicfinance.co.uk/2011/12/telehealth-still-a-science-fiction/>

### **Pulse: Telemedicine could 'reduce mortality by 45%'**

[http://www.pulsetoday.co.uk/newsarticle-content/-/article\\_display\\_list/13154324/telemedicine-could-reduce-mortality-by-45](http://www.pulsetoday.co.uk/newsarticle-content/-/article_display_list/13154324/telemedicine-could-reduce-mortality-by-45)

### **TSA: Initial Findings of the Whole System Demonstrator Project**

[http://www.telecare.org.uk/newslatest/45779/46314/recent\\_telecare\\_news/](http://www.telecare.org.uk/newslatest/45779/46314/recent_telecare_news/)

### **North Yorks and York: Telehealth boost for chronically ill**

[http://www.nytelehealth.co.uk/news/telehealth\\_boost\\_for\\_chronically\\_ill/](http://www.nytelehealth.co.uk/news/telehealth_boost_for_chronically_ill/)

**Telehealth Solutions: Response to Department of Health announcement on the headline findings of the Whole Systems Demonstrator Programme**

[http://www.telehealthsolutions.co.uk/news/2011/12/07/wsd\\_response](http://www.telehealthsolutions.co.uk/news/2011/12/07/wsd_response)

**NumerHealth: NumerHealth's next generation telehealth services to help deliver 'three million lives'**  
<http://numerahealth.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/Salix-NumerHealth-WSD-Release-Final-06-12-11.pdf>

**News Tonight: New Telehealth Facilities to Be Given To the People**  
<http://newstonight.net/content/new-telehealth-facilities-be-given-people>

**ComputerWorld: Telehealth can reduce deaths by 45%, study shows**  
[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9222495/Telehealth\\_can\\_reduce\\_deaths\\_by\\_45\\_study\\_shows?taxonomyId=15](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9222495/Telehealth_can_reduce_deaths_by_45_study_shows?taxonomyId=15)

**iHealthbeat: Telehealth Can Reduce Patient Mortality Risk, U.K. Study Finds**  
<http://www.ihealthbeat.org/articles/2011/12/8/telehealth-can-reduce-patient-mortality-risk-uk-study-finds.aspx#ixzz1fz4rM9DZ>

**MedLatest: UK Industry Body Medilink Taps In To Telehealth Drive**  
[http://www.medlatest.com/2011/12/08/uk-industry-body-medilink-taps-in-to-telehealth-drive/?utm\\_campaign=twitter&utm\\_medium=twitter&utm\\_source=twitter](http://www.medlatest.com/2011/12/08/uk-industry-body-medilink-taps-in-to-telehealth-drive/?utm_campaign=twitter&utm_medium=twitter&utm_source=twitter)

**PC World: Telehealth Can Reduce Deaths by 45%, Study Shows**  
[http://www.pcworld.com/article/245711/telehealth\\_can\\_reduce\\_deaths\\_by\\_45\\_study\\_shows.html](http://www.pcworld.com/article/245711/telehealth_can_reduce_deaths_by_45_study_shows.html)

**InMedica: Government Mandate will put UK at the Forefront of World in Telehealth**  
[http://in-medica.com/press-release/Government\\_Mandate\\_will\\_put\\_UK\\_at\\_the\\_Forefront\\_of\\_World\\_in\\_Telehealth](http://in-medica.com/press-release/Government_Mandate_will_put_UK_at_the_Forefront_of_World_in_Telehealth)

**ICT delivering 45% reduction in mortality rates – 'great news from the UK' - Vice President of the European Commission (Neelie Kroes)**  
<http://blogs.ec.europa.eu/neelie-kroes/ehealth-uk-pilot/>

**Study: Telehealth cuts patient deaths by 45%**  
<http://htl.li/7U8tC>

**Nursing Times: Government to push out large-scale telehealth programme**  
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Eddie Ritson, from CCHSC, described Telemonitoring NI as a “significant step towards providing quality care for patients in their own homes. This new service will give people more information which, combined with timely advice, will enable patients to gain more control over their health while supporting them to live independently in their own homes for longer. Families and carers will also benefit from the reassurance that chronic health conditions are being closely monitored on an ongoing basis. The information collected through the service can also be used by doctors, nurses and patients in making decisions on how individual cases should be managed.”

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<http://medgadget.com/2011/12/zeo-sleep-monitor-ceo-at-the-2011-mhealth-summit.html>

### **Zephyr Technology Partners with Aventyn for Mobile Heart Failure Monitoring**

[http://www.aventyn.com/Acrobat/Aventyn\\_ZephyrNIH0511.pdf](http://www.aventyn.com/Acrobat/Aventyn_ZephyrNIH0511.pdf)

### **Evaluation of the extra care housing initiative (UK)**

<http://www.housinglin.org.uk/Topics/type/resource/?cid=8398>

## **Section 6: Events and conferences**

CES 2012 Las Vegas 10-13 January 2012

<http://www.cesweb.org/>

The homecare re-ablement roadshow 26 January York (and other locations)

<http://www.pavpub.com/pdf.aspx?path=/events/428.pdf>

Care Innovations Summit Washington 26 January 2012

<http://hcidc.org/>

LaterLife – shaping the future of care together 28 January 2012 London

<http://www.publicserviceevents.co.uk/event/overview.asp?ID=123>

Health 2.0 India 30 January 2012 New Delhi

<http://www.health2con.com/india/>

Long-Term Conditions Conference 2012 1 February 2012 London

<http://www.long-term-conditions-conference.co.uk/index.php>

The First Workshop on Telemedicine on Obesity, Overweight and Eating Disorders TELEMEDOB 2012  
January 30 - February 4, 2012 - Valencia, Spain

<http://www.iaaria.org/conferences2012/TELEMEDOB.html#RegistrationForm>

CUHTec: Using telecare to reduce the cost and increase the effectiveness of re-ablement and  
intermediate care 7th February 2012 York

<http://www.cuhtec.org.uk/events.php?PHPSESSID=6b48879bf4f4b2aeea18808d1f73941cFC>

CUHTec: Assistive Technology and telecare for learning disability services - 8th February 2012 York

<http://www.cuhtec.org.uk/events.php?PHPSESSID=6b48879bf4f4b2aeea18808d1f73941cFC>

Social Media Week 13-17 February 2012 London and elsewhere

<http://socialmediaweek.org/>

Fifth International Conference on Telehealth, Innsbruck, Austria 15-17 February 2012

<http://www.iasted.org/conferences/home-765.html>

HIMSS 20-24 February 2012 Las Vegas



<http://www.himssconference.org/>

Telehealth, telemedicine and telecare: Introductory one-day seminar RSM, London 23 February 2012

<http://www.rsm.ac.uk/academ/tec03.php>

GSMA Mobile World Congress 2012 Fira Barcelona · February 27 - March 1, 2012

<http://www.mobileworldcongress.com/>

The Kings' Fund - International Congress on Telehealth and Telecare 6-8 March 2012 (early booking announced)

<http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/events/international.html>

SXSW interactive Austin 9-13 March 2012

<http://sxsw.com/interactive>

Innovations in Healthcare management and informatics Asia 13-14 March 2012 Bangkok

<http://www.healthcareinformaticsasia.com/Event.aspx?id=567330>

Georgia Partnership for TeleHealth 2012 Annual Spring Conference 14-16 March 2012

<http://www.gatelehealth.org/>

AAAI 2012 Spring Symposia 27 March 2012 Stanford University

<http://www.aaai.org/Symposia/Spring/sss12.php>

Medetel/The international eHealth, Telemedicine and Health ICT Forum Luxembourg 18-20 April 2012

<http://www.medetel.lu/index.php>

Global Health & Innovation Conference 2012: New Haven, CT, USA: 21-22 Apr 2012

<http://www.cochrane.org/news/tags/cochrane-contributors/global-health-innovation-conference-2012-new-haven-ct-usa>

ATA 2012 29 April – 1 May 2012 San Jose

<http://www.americantelemed.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageID=3863>

Global Connected Care Conference and 3rd MediTour Expo May 6–8, 2012—Las Vegas, NV

<http://www.meditourexpo.net/>

CTIA 8-10 May 2012 New Orleans

<http://www.ctia.org/media/press/body.cfm/prid/2054>

International Conference on Wearable and Implantable Body Sensor Networks 10-12 May 2012 London

<http://www.bsn2012.org/>

GSMA-mHealth Alliance Mobile Health Summit 2012 29 May – 1 June 2012 Cape Town South Africa

[http://www.mobilehealthsummit.com/event/2012\\_preview.shtml](http://www.mobilehealthsummit.com/event/2012_preview.shtml)

UPMC International Telemedicine Symposium June 7–9, 2012 Brussels, Belgium  
<http://emgprddmzvip24457.isd.upmc.edu/aboutupmc/icsd/telemedicine/Pages/telemedicine.aspx>

## **Section 7: Links**

### **Dallas partnership pool**

<https://ktn.innovateuk.org/web/dallas/articles/-/blogs/dallas-partnership-pool>

### **DALLAS \_Connect Sub Group**

Join the Sub Group at:

<https://ktn.innovateuk.org/web/dallas>

### **Telecare Learning and Improvement Network**

[www.telecarelin.org.uk](http://www.telecarelin.org.uk)

### **New King's Fund web site**

[http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/topics/technology\\_and\\_telecare/index.html](http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/topics/technology_and_telecare/index.html)

### **Telecare Aware**

[www.telecareaware.com](http://www.telecareaware.com)

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