Telecare LIN eNewsletter
January 2011

Happy New Year

The Telecare Learning and Improvement Network (LIN) provides general implementation support to organisations building their telecare and telehealth programmes in England. The Whole System Demonstrator Network (WSDAN) includes the telecare and telehealth evidence database together with feature articles about the programme and recent developments.

Latest Network resources:

WSDAN daily journal news

WSDAN Weekly News – latest 3 January 2011 (follow *@clarkmike or #WSDAN on Twitter for alerts*)

WSDAN Features

Recently added features include:
- *Light-touch, rapid evaluation of telehealth and telecare pilot programmes*
- *Telehealth monitoring in heart failure – recently published trials*
- *Commissioning telecare and telehealth in 2011*
- *December 2010: WSD Programme Update*

WSDAN Evidence database for telecare and telehealth - 415 journal articles listed

Monthly newsletter archive

PCT Telehealth Map – now colour coded for long term conditions

Telecare Services Map - currently being updated for new web sites and charging information

If you are an organisation implementing telecare or telehealth in England and have an interesting local telecare or telehealth story for inclusion in a future newsletter then e-mail Mike Clark at wsdnetwork@kingsfund.org.uk

The December 2010 Housing LIN newsletter is also available.

Follow Mike Clark on Twitter (@clarkmike) or use the hashtag #WSDAN

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Item 2 covers new reports on charging for telecare, local authority performance profiles, telecare sensors in use in local authorities, listing of telecare and telehealth journal articles for 2009 and 2010.

Item 3 Links to the latest features on the WSDAN Site including a Whole System Demonstrator update. Outcomes form the WSD Programme will be available from Spring 2011.

Item 4 We are collecting case study, use cases and evaluations for an upcoming WSDAN publication – contact Mike Clark if you have examples for inclusion.

Item 5 Events, conferences and courses in early 2011.

Item 6 Summaries of weekly news from 29 November 2010 to 3 January 2011. You can follow the weekly news at www.dhcarenetworks.org.uk/telecaresolutions

1 News from the Department of Health (Late November/December 2010)

Prepared by Mike Clark

Additional DH publications and more details are available in the Links section.

a) DH: Healthy lives, healthy people White Paper: Our strategy for public health in England

The White Paper sets out the Government's long-term vision for the future of public health in England. The aim is to create a 'wellness' service (Public Health England) and to strengthen both national and local leadership.

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_121941

b) DH: Commission on Funding of Care and Support

The future funding of social care
http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Aboutus/Features/DH_122268?utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter

c) DH: Plans in place to transform community services

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/MediaCentre/Pressreleases/DH_122189

d) ***DH: LASSL (DH) (2012) 2: Adults' personal social services: revenue grants and capital grant allocations for 2011-12 and 2012-13 (Issued on 13 December 2010)

Page 18
"……Capital provision of over around £120m in both years is being allocated for adults' social care, designed to support personalisation, reform and efficiency. This may be used to support alternatives to long-term care such as supported living, telecare or housing adaptations…"

Page 19
"….Feedback from the local government sector indicates that priorities for investment are:
…..Alternatives to residential care via community based services investment – specifically capital investment making the full use of telecare in a continued support package…..

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Lettersandcirculars/Localauthoritysocialservicesletters/DH_122345

Spreadsheet showing NHS funding to support social care:
http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/localgovernment/xls/1796201.xls

e) ***DH: Pathfinders identified to lead NHS reforms

The first groups of GPs who will take the lead in the Government's plans for commissioning health services have been announced by Health Secretary Andrew Lansley. The pathfinders will now begin testing the new commissioning arrangements to ensure they are working well before more formal arrangements come into place.

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/MediaCentre/Pressreleases/DH_122399

f)   DH: Recognised, valued and supported: next steps for the Carers Strategy: Response to the call for views

Page 10 of document:
"….Respondents felt that the use of equipment or assistive technology (telehealth and telecare) could not only make the carer's job easier and safer, but also prove good value for money in allowing carers to have a life outside of caring without the need for replacement care".
http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_122549

g)   ***DH: Focus on outcomes to improve patient care (20 December 2010)

The health outcomes against which the NHS will be judged, along with a consultation on proposed priorities for public health outcomes, have been published.

The framework focuses on tackling inequalities in outcomes in five areas:

- preventing people from dying prematurely
- supporting people with long-term conditions
- helping people to recover as quickly and fully as possible from ill health or injury
- providing a positive experience for patients and the public
- ensuring patient safety

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Aboutus/Features/DH_122951
http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_122944

h)   DH: Liberating the NHS: Legislative framework and next steps (DH, 14 December 2010)

Published in July 2010, the White Paper 'Equity and Excellence: Liberating the NHS' outlines the vision to make the NHS a truly world class healthcare service that puts patients at its heart and clinicians in the driving seat, focused on outcomes. Following three months of consultation on its plans for the service, the Government's response sets out further policy development based on substantial feedback and reaffirms the strong commitment to the reforms.

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_122661

i)   ***DH: NHS Allocations 2011/12 (DH, 15 December 2010)
http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Managingyourorganisation/Financeandplanning/Allocations/index.htm

j)   ***The Operating Framework for the NHS in England 2011/12

***Page 26 – telecare and telehealth reference

3.18 In advance of this, a number of issues have already been identified and should be incorporated within plans for 2011/12…….

Use of digital technology in key areas to support delivery of the QIPP agenda, including:

> • *use of telehealth and telecare to help people stay in their own homes*
> • *introduction of digital or online services to deliver greater convenience for patients and to free up face-to-face clinical time for those who really need it*

***Page 51 – telecare reference

5.26 PCTs will need to work together with local authorities to agree jointly on appropriate areas for social care investment, and the outcomes expected from this investment. This could include current services such as telecare, community directed prevention (including falls prevention), community equipment and adaptations, and crisis response services…..

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Managingyourorganisation/Financeandplanning/Planningframework/index.htm

2 New reports

Prepared by Mike Clark

a) Charging for telecare – a survey of charging information from telecare providers in England
b) CQC performance data - Individual local authority profiles and spreadsheet – performance information by individual social care authority with spreadsheet information covering the period 2006/7 to 2010/11.
c) Journal articles for 2009 and 2010 - list of links for telecare and telehealth related articles from previous news listings (Excel spreadsheet)
d) Appendix A to this newsletter – Survey of telecare sensors in 152 social care authorities in England

3 WSDAN News update

Tim Ellis, Programme Manager for the WSD, gives an update on the project

Also featured in December 2010:

- Article on telehealth and telecare commissioning for 2011
- Report from the Nuffield Trust on 'light-touch' pilot programme evaluations
- A look at recently-published Heart Failure trials
- '2020health' published a new report, 'Healthcare without walls', in November. Access the report here

The King's Fund's International Congress on Telehealth and Telecare will take place on **2-3 March 2011**. The full programme for this two-day event can be viewed here.

4 Contributions –New UK press releases, use cases, case studies, evaluations

a) **Press release: InMezzo and University of Kent develop biometric authentication services**

From Tim Craig at InMezzo (*tim.craig@ukgateway.net*)

InMezzo - www.smartcare-uk.com, a company that specialises in helping organisations and individuals to share information safely and securely across IT and communications networks, has joined forces with the University of Kent to develop a user-friendly biometric authentication system for its SmartCare telecare network.

Full press release available at:
http://www.mynewsdesk.com/uk/view/pressrelease/inmezzo-inmezzo-and-university-of-kent-develop-biometric-authentication-services-549494

b)   **Use Case – Alzheimer's**

From Alexandra Johnson-Vogel at Buddi (alie@buddi.co.uk) and kindly supplied by Norfolk County Council

J was a physically active 90-year-old, living with a son who worked full time. J was then diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease.

Having little insight into his condition and safety, J continued to take his daily walk and was found several times by the police, wandering a mile from home, disorientated and being confused as to where he lived.

J's social worker requested an assessment for buddi, which was completed. This was initially required for a two-week period to enable the client's son to have a family holiday and a break from his caring role. Close friends set up buddi and were happy to monitor J's movement and safety for the fortnight. They set up their own boundaries allowing J freedom within the housing estate where he lived but were alerted by buddi once this border had been crossed.

Twice over the two-week period, J became lost during his walks but the family friends were able to direct him home without police intervention, as buddi was able to locate him within a few metres.

When J's son returned from his break, buddi continued to be used enabling the carer to continue working and be reassured that if his father became disorientated or was away from home for longer than usual, buddi would locate him, allowing a family member, not the police to bring him safely home.

Further use cases available on new web site: http://www.buddi.co.uk/buddi.html

If you have case studies or use cases for the forthcoming WSDAN Directory then e-mail Mike Clark at wsdnetwork@kingsfund.org.uk

5 Events and conferences

Prepared by Mike Clark for WSDAN (Twitter – @clarkmike)

CES, Las Vegas 6-9 Jan 2011
http://www.cesweb.org/

SEHTA/ICE-T Workshop: 'Pharmacy of the Future' - 27th January 2011
http://www.sehta.co.uk/

CUHTec - Adapting Your Telecare Service to new Financial Circumstances 2 February 2011 University of York, York
www.cuhtec.org.uk/events.php

Mobile and wireless healthcare 2011 Birmingham 16 February 2011
http://www.guardian.co.uk/mobile-wireless/why-attend

The Third International Conference on eHealth, Telemedicine, and Social Medicine 23/02/2011 – 28/02/2011, Guadeloupe, France
http://www.wikicfp.com/cfp/servlet/event.showcfp?eventid=10262&copyownerid=11691

TeleHealth at CeBIT 2011, Hanover, 1-5 March 2011
http://www.epractice.eu/en/events/2011-de-telehealth-cebit

CUHTec - Adapting Your Telecare Service to new Financial Circumstances 3 March 2011 University of York, York
www.cuhtec.org.uk/events.php

International congress on Telecare and Telehealth, The King's Fund 2-3 March 2011
http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/events/telecaretelehealth.html

NHS Expo, Excel Centre, London 9-10 March 2011
http://www.healthcareinnovationexpo.com/

New: Advanced technologies for an ageing population - Glasgow, Scotland 23/24 March 2011
http://www.nanowerk.com/news/newsid=19422.php

Technology with Disabled and Older People: Business development, Building alliances and Impact assessment March 28-29, 2011 London School of Economics
http://www.electronics-ktn.com/tabid/1339/default.aspx?article=Business+Development+and+Building+Alliances%201943

Med-e-tel Luxembourg 6-8 April 2011
www.medetel.eu
ATA Annual meeting and Expo – Tampa, Florida 1-3 May 2011
http://www.americantelemed.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageID=3773

6 News and links

News from around the world covering telecare, telehealth and related areas of interest to commissioners, service providers, suppliers and other organisations – prepared by Mike Clark (Twitter – @clarkmike #WSDAN)

Some recent headlines you may have missed from the weekly news (www.dhcarenetworks.org.uk/telecaresolutions)

Headlines from 29 November 2010

 ***DH: Plans in place to transform community services

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/MediaCentre/Pressreleases/DH_122189?utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter

DH: Staying healthy this winter

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Aboutus/Features/DH_122036?utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter

Letter from Sir David Nicholson underlining the importance of ensuring the NHS is well prepared for winter. http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Lettersandcirculars/Dearcolleagueletters/DH_122007

DH: Expressions of interest to run social work practice (SWP) pilots

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Lettersandcirculars/Dearcolleagueletters/DH_121623

DH: Carers and personalisation: improving outcomes

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_122076

DH: Recognised, valued and supported: next steps for the Carers Strategy

The strategy identifies the actions that the Government will take over the next four years to support its priorities to ensure the best possible outcomes for carers and those they support, including:

- supporting those with caring responsibilities to identify themselves as carers at an early stage, recognising the value of their contribution and involving them from the outset both in designing local care provision and in planning individual care packages
- enabling those with caring responsibilities to fulfil their educational and employment potential
- personalised support both for carers and those they support, enabling them to have a family and community life
- supporting carers to remain mentally and physically well

***See Sections 2.15, 2.16, 3.21, 3.26 etc for telecare references

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_122077

Ministerial announcement:
http://www.theyworkforyou.com/wms/?id=2010-11-25a.51WS.0&s=paul+burstow#g51WS.1

New Strategy Will Help Identify Carers Earlier

"…..NHS Choices and the Department for Work and Pensions will also launch a DotGovLabs Innovation Hub today, to explore how digital approaches can provide opportunities to support carers in new and innovative ways.

This Hub will bring carers and the government together with digital innovators, technologists, private sector organisations, charities and investors.*

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/MediaCentre/Pressreleases/DH_122114

***The King's Fund - Clinical and service integration - The route to improved outcomes

"…Integration at the micro level encompasses a diverse range of approaches, many of which seek to improve care co-ordination for individual patients and carers. These approaches include care planning, case management, patient-centred medical homes, virtual wards, personal budgets, IT, telehealth and telecare".

"…These mechanisms have enabled the VA to introduce patient-centred care co-ordination, which has sought to rationalise and unify care, and ensure that care is provided when the patient requires it. For example, the VA's Care Coordination/Home Telehealth (CCHT) system – consisting of sophisticated remote monitoring technology – has allowed patients to manage their conditions at home with visits or appointments being triggered as a problem arises, offering scope for clinicians to intervene and prevent deterioration and admission (Darkins 2008)".

"…Part of the challenge is turning findings from multiple small-scale pilots into a business case on a larger scale (Goodwin 2010). A recent paper for the Department of Health's Whole System Demonstrator Action Network demonstrates that such technology has the potential to reduce hospital and care home admissions and to improve quality of life, although it also highlights the limited evidence on cost-effectiveness and outcomes (Clark et al 2010). One of the reasons for the lack of evidence base is the relatively low uptake of the technology. There are a number of barriers to adoption and implementation of such technologies, the key one being the high initial investments (Liddell et al 2008). The process of scaling telehealth services is also a barrier to the adoption of such technologies (Goodwin 2010). The Department of Health's evaluation of its Whole System Demonstrator programme will be published in 2011 and should go some way to filling the evidence gap..."

http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/publications/clinical_and_service.html

***TSB - £2m project will harness design and technology to help older people
http://www.innovateuk.org/content/news/2m-project-will-harness-design-and-technology-to-h.ashx

*****2020Health.org – Healthcare without walls: A framework for delivering telehealth at scale*

http://www.2020health.org/research/Telehealth.html

NHS could save up to £1bn by embracing high-tech monitoring of chronic sick, says new report
http://www.2020health.org/links/telehealthrelease.html

http://www.cisionwire.com/media-intelligence-partners-ltd/nhs-could-save-up-to--1-billion-by-embracing-high-tech-monitoring-of-chronic-sick--says-new-report

Think tank calls for NHS telehealth strategy
http://www.smarthealthcare.com/telehealth-strategy-2020health-pilots-chronic-conditions-23nov10

Call for UK investment in telehealth
http://www.ehealthcentral.com.au/2010/11/call-for-uk-investment-in-telehealth/

Links from 29 November 2010

*****New Report Highlights Benefits of Telecare for People Living with Dementia (North Yorks)

http://www.fmhealthcare.com/2010/11/24/new-report-highlights-benefits-of-telecare-for-people-living-with-dementia
http://ehealthnews.eu/tunstall/2369-new-report-highlights-benefits-of-telecare-for-people-living-with-dementia

New Report Highlights Benefits of Telecare for people living with Dementia in a Residential Care Setting

http://www.24dash.com/news/health/2010-11-22-New-Report-Highlights-Benefits-of-Telecare-for-people-living-with-Dementia-in-a-Residential-Care-Setting

Benefits of telecare for people living with dementia in residential care highlighted in new report

http://tunstall-telehealthcare.blogspot.com/2010/11/benefits-of-telecare-for-people-living.html

Digital technology trials raise hopes of better dementia care

http://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/news/Digital-technology-trials-raise-hopes.6635533.jp

***How to reduce COPD admissions with personal care plans (HSJ – requires registration)
http://www.hsj.co.uk/resource-centre/best-practice/how-to-reduce-copd-admissions-with-personal-care-plans/5021458.article?referrer=RSS

***Can telecare ease GP workloads? (Recent King's Fund Event)
http://www.healthcarerepublic.com/GP/news/1042455/telecare-ease-GPs-workload/

Event slides from this event: http://www.wsdactionnetwork.org.uk/past_events/enabling.html

Company to form network of commissioning consortia
http://www.healthcarerepublic.com/news/1043369/Company-form-network-commissioning-consortia/

2020health calls for high-tech monitoring of the chronically sick
http://conservativehome.blogs.com/thinktankcentral/2010/11/2020health-calls-for-high-tech-monitoring-of-the-chronically-sick.html

OFT to launch study into mobility aids market (UK)
http://www.thiis.co.uk/oft-study-nov10.aspx

Telewoundcare solution saves thousands (UK)
http://www.thiis.co.uk/telewound-nov10.aspx

GPs lead scheme to cut hospital admissions
http://www.pulsetoday.co.uk/story.asp?sectioncode=35&storycode=4127887&c=2

New programme to help get COPD sufferers back on their feet
http://www.miltonkeynes.nhs.uk/default-ContentID-5235.htm

NHS Norfolk praised for use of resources
http://www.norfolk.nhs.uk/nhs-norfolk-praised-use-resources

Why Not Try This ? - NHS North Lincolnshire and North Lincolnshire Council have launched a new website where people can post tips to help others ditch their bad habits.
http://www.northlincolnshire.nhs.uk/news/articles/65.aspx?utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter

£300k available for healthcare research on strokes
http://www.responsesource.com/releases/rel_display.php?relid=61020

Diabetes leaflets in a range of different languages
http://www.pulsetoday.co.uk/story.asp?sectioncode=48&storycode=4127869&c=1&utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter

***Diabetes treatment ''could be a lot better''
http://www.publicservice.co.uk/news_story.asp?id=14841

***Incentivising Wellness: Improving the treatment of long-term conditions
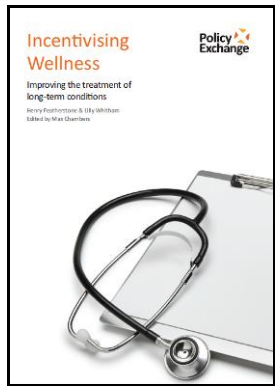
***Telehealth references.

http://www.policyexchange.org.uk/assets/Incentivising_Wellness_PR.pdf
http://www.policyexchange.org.uk/images/publications/pdfs/Incentivising_Wellness_-_Nov__10.pdf

Invicta Telecare - what a result for lifeline operator
http://www.24dash.com/news/housing/2010-11-24-Invicta-Telecare-what-a-result-for-lifeline-operator

Singer Linda Nolan Launches Care Experts New Premises In Blackpool

http://www.prlog.org/11086483-singer-linda-nolan-launches-care-experts-new-premises-in-blackpool.html
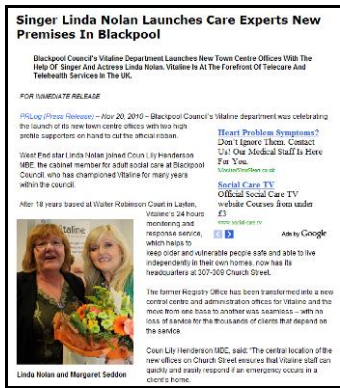
***Chinese health officials visit Bridgwater (NHS Somerset)

Health bosses from Zhejiang met clinical staff and managers from the Somerset NHS referral management centre and the new telehealth technology scheme
http://www.thisisthewestcountry.co.uk/news/8692239.Chinese_health_officials_visit_Bridgwater/

NHS Direct to increase access to its online expert health advice
http://www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk/Commissioners/NewsDirect/SymptomCheckerSyndication

***Centre for Social Justice Launches Interim Review of Older Age - Telecare references in 5.3.1, 5.4.2, 5.4.4

http://www.centreforsocialjustice.org.uk/default.asp?pageRef=37

BIME – designing for disability and healthcare

http://www.bath.ac.uk/bime/
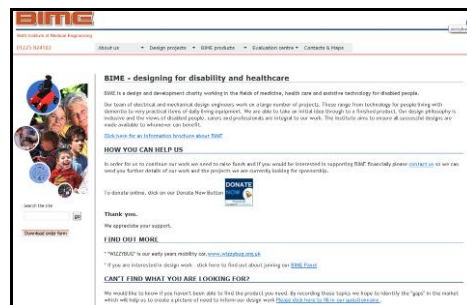
Bradford Council rewarded for excellent Health Care (Telecare reference)
http://topnews.us/content/229317-bradford-council-rewarded-excellent-health-care

Weather check 'could predict' A&E injury rates
http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-11841889

WellDoc Taps Cell Phones to Manage Diabetes
http://www.wirelessweek.com/News/2010/11/Policy-and-Industry-WellDoc-Taps-Cell-Phones-Manage-Diabetes-Healthcare/

Three Leaders in Health & Fitness Monitoring Join Forces to Deliver the 'Health Triad'
http://www.newswiretoday.com/news/81524/

DH: Prison Healthcare: Escort and Bedwatch Costs Guidance on Prolonged Hospital Stays
http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Lettersandcirculars/Dearcolleagueletters/DH_121858

Fire risk for over-65s revealed
http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/Nl1/Newsroom/DG_192398

Getting ready for the COPD clinical strategy (UK)

http://www.pulsetoday.co.uk/story.asp?sectioncode=48&storycode=4127867&c=1&utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter

Nine pensioners died from cold EVERY HOUR last winter as bill prices soar
http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1332343/Nine-pensioners-died-cold-hour-winter-prices-soar.html#ixzz16Ugbjm1o

Four million over 50s to work beyond retirement age (Telegraph UK)
http://www.telegraph.co.uk/finance/personalfinance/8134536/Four-million-over-50s-to-work-beyond-retirement-age.html

Think-tank: 'Family breakdown leaving elderly facing care crisis' (UK)
http://www.24dash.com/news/communities/2010-11-23-Think-tank-Family-breakdown-leaving-elderly-facing-care-crisis

Digital by default proposed for government services
http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/newsroom/news_releases/2010/101122-defaultdigital.aspx

Boston Sci To Buy Sadra Medical And Heart Valves For As Much As $386 Million
http://www.topdevicecompanies.com/2010/11/boston-sci-to-buy-sadra-medical-and-heart-valves-for-as-much-as-386-million.html?utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter

Medtronic Plans To Buy Rest Of Ardian, Hypertension Device For $800 Million
http://www.topdevicecompanies.com/2010/11/medtronic-plans-to-buy-rest-of-ardian-hypertension-device-for-800-million.html?utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter

Forgotten patients hold key to heart device safety
http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSTRE6AM74O20101124?utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+reuters%2FhealthNews+%28News+%2F+US+%2F+Health+News%29

Half of Americans facing diabetes by 2020: report (Reuters)

"Diabetes and prediabetes will account for an estimated 10 percent of total health care spending by the end of the decade at an annual cost of almost $500 billion -- up from an estimated $194 billion this year, according to the report titled "The United States of Diabetes: Challenges and Opportunities in the Decade Ahead."

http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSTRE6AM0NH20101123

Type 2 diabetes soars -- and Type 1s lash out (LA Times)
http://www.latimes.com/health/boostershots/la-heb-diabetes-cost-20101123,0,1950086.story?track=rss

Experts on aging: Stay fit after 65 to live longer, better
http://www.usatoday.com/yourlife/fitness/exercise/2010-11-21-staying-fit-old-age_N.htm?csp=34news&utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+Usatoday comHealth-TopStories+%28News+-+Health+-+Top+Stories%29

Social care and location-based social media
http://www.arbitraryconstant.co.uk/2010/11/social-care-and-location-based-social-media.html?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=twitter&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+arbitraryconstant+%28 arbitrary+constant%29

Interview: UnitedHealth Group on mobile health
http://mobihealthnews.com/9585/interview-unitedhealth-group-on-mobile-health/#more-9585

Chip implant developed to help the paralysed exercise

http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-11814554?utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter

Humana: Mobile games can reduce ER visits
http://mobihealthnews.com/9545/humana-mobile-games-can-reduce-er-visits/#more-9545

Patients 2.0 – the growing demographic of networked patients
http://healthpopuli.com/2010/10/07/patients-2-0-the-growing-demographic-of-networked-patients/

Telemedicine Acknowledged by Medicare
http://www.epatienthealthcare.com/blog/2010/11/26/telemedicine-acknowledged-by-medicare/

Patients use smartphone apps to find nearest ER
http://www.fiercehealthcare.com/story/patients-use-smartphone-apps-find-nearest-er/2010-11-23#ixzz16UV0n4pt

iPad app developers help upgrade hospital's IT
http://www.fiercehealthcare.com/story/ipad-app-developers-help-upgrade-hospitals-it/2010-11-23

Private doctors key to e-health uptake in Hong Kong
http://www.futuregov.asia/articles/2010/nov/25/hk-targets-private-doctors-e-health-uptake/

Consumer e-health portal rolls out (Canada)
http://www.cbc.ca/health/story/2010/11/22/electronic-health-records-telus.html

Medicare Making Changes To Acknowledge Telemedicine's Growing Use
http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/209009.php

Denmark selects GTUC to research into mobile health
http://news.peacefmonline.com/health/201011/108056.php

AT&T forms health IT division
http://www.ama-assn.org/amednews/2010/11/22/bisg1124.htm

Wired Up at Home to Monitor Illnesses
http://www.nytimes.com/2010/11/23/health/23monitor.html?_r=1

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DH: Healthy lives, healthy people White Paper: Our strategy for public health in England

Published: 30 November 2010

The White Paper sets out the Government's long-term vision for the future of public health in England. The aim is to create a 'wellness' service (Public Health England) and to strengthen both national and local leadership.

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- Feature article: Healthy lives, healthy people sets out the future for public health
- Press release: Public Health England - a new service to get people healthy

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Published: 30 November 2010

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The Birmingham East and North PCT family liaison service, a partnership with Healthcare at Home Ltd, links all services that patients who are at the end of life might come into contact with in addition to medical services,

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Magna wins top award - Dorchester-based Magna Careline has picked up an award for its accreditation to the new code of practice of the Telecare Services Association (TSA), the regulatory body for the UK's telecare industry.

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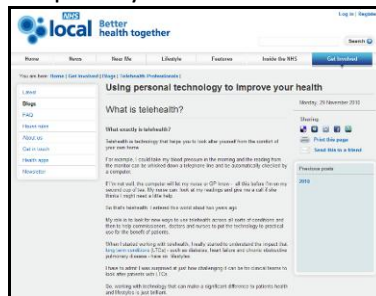
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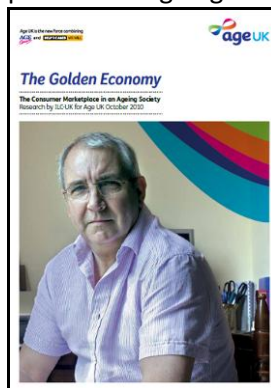
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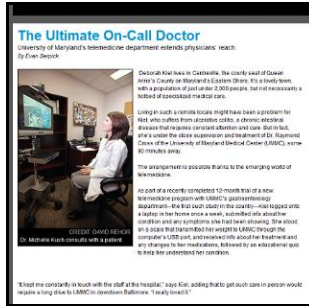
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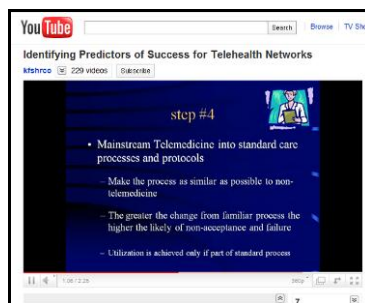
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***Dementia is the brain mangling memories in the first place - Telegraph

"…Dr Lisa Saksida, from the Department of Experimental Psychology at the University of Cambridge, said: "This study suggests that a major component of memory problems may actually be confusion between memories, rather than loss of memories per se.

"This is consistent with reports of memory distortions in dementia – for example, patients may not switch off the cooker, or may fail to take their medication, not because they have forgotten that they should do these things, but because they think they have already done so."

Currently, memory problems are typically perceived to be the result of forgetting previously encountered items or events, the study said…".

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Page 18
"……Capital provision of over around £120m in both years is being allocated for adults' social care, designed to support personalisation, reform and efficiency. This may be used to support alternatives to long-term care such as supported living, telecare or housing adaptations…"

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"….Feedback from the local government sector indicates that priorities for investment are:
…..Alternatives to residential care via community based services investment – specifically capital investment making the full use of telecare in a continued support package. The provision of equipment and minor adaptations (for example, grab rails or shower chairs) can help ensure timely discharge from hospital, and reduce the risk of emergency admissions from falls. In 2000, the Audit Commission found that 14% of all delayed discharges were the result of a lack of equipment. These underpin our aim to enable people to remain in their own homes for as long as possible, efficiently and demonstrating choice and independence. Preventing people's needs from escalating will help to delay people's need for intensive care packages, and reduce the costs of social care for individuals at risk of increasing levels of dependency. For example, the NHS has allocated £70m for investment in reablement services in 2010-11…: http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/ Lettersandcirculars/LocalAuthorityCirculars/DH_120994) and the Spending Review announcement identified up to £300m per annum for reablement in 2014-15. This supports choice, control and efficiency as set out in 'Think Local, Act Personal – Next Steps for Transforming Adult Social Care'. See also the Care Services Efficiency & Delivery reablement" http://www.csed.dh.gov.uk/homeCareReablement/Toolkit/

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DH: Winterwatch

"Winterwatch will bring you regular updates from the Department of Health about how the NHS is coping with the increased demands on its services in the cold winter months.

We will also be bringing you practical advice on keeping well when the weather is very cold. This is the time of year when people are most likely to catch the flu, so we will be keeping an eye on how people – particularly those most at risk – are managing to avoid it.

We will be including links to key data and statistics and we will update them regularly".

http://winterwatch.dh.gov.uk/

Dear colleague letter:
http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Lettersandcirculars/Dearcolleagueletters/DH_122548

***DH: Pathfinders identified to lead NHS reforms

The first groups of GPs who will take the lead in the Government's plans for commissioning health services have been announced by Health Secretary Andrew Lansley.

The 52 groups of GP practices from across England have been selected to be the first to take on commissioning responsibilities as part of the Government's plans set out in the NHS White Paper Equity and Excellence: Liberating the NHS. The groups selected, known as pathfinders, will work together to manage their local budgets and commission services for patients direct with other NHS colleagues and local authorities.

The pathfinders will now begin testing the new commissioning arrangements to ensure they are working well before more formal arrangements come into place. By being in charge of the decisions that affect their patients, the pathfinders will be able to commission high quality care tailored to the specific needs of their patients and the wider community.

The GP pathfinders announced today include 1860 GP practices that provide healthcare to 12.8 million people across England. This means around a quarter of the population can start to benefit from their doctors' proven clinical leadership, good partnership working with local authorities, and innovative ways of engaging with patients and the local community. This is just the start - more GP consortia have come forward to join the pathfinder programme which will enable as many consortia as possible to test out the new arrangements at an early stage before GP consortia take on statutory responsibilities from April 2013.

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/MediaCentre/Pressreleases/DH_122399

DH: Recognised, valued and supported: next steps for the Carers Strategy: Response to the call for views

Page 10 of document:
"….Respondents felt that the use of equipment or assistive technology (telehealth and telecare) could not only make the carer's job easier and safer, but also prove good value for money in allowing carers to have a life outside of caring without the need for replacement care".
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***DH: Provider economics impact assessment model

The Department of Health, in partnership with the NHS Confederation, has produced the impact assessment model, with associated guidance and summary to better understand provider economics. The purpose of the model is to enable commissioners and providers:

- to analyse the potential impact of commissioning decisions on service continuity and provider sustainability
- to understand how the financial system risks of decommissioning and reconfiguring services will materialise in differing economic scenarios and whether services provide value for money.

COPD Example (Slide 22):

Example

Background and questions to consider

• **Scenario**
- You are the lead commissioner for respiratory services for "**Hartsfield PCT**".
- You have been tasked to review the provision of "**Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease**" (COPD) services within your health economy.
- In particular, you are considering the impact of decommissioning **25%** of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) services from "**Hartsfield Foundation Trust**".
• **Background**
- Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) falls under the Service Line "**Thoracic, Cardiothoracic and Respiratory Medicine**" ("TCRM")
- A drop of **25%** in COPD is equivalent to a drop of about **4%** in the Service Line TCRM for "**Hartsfield Foundation Trust**"
• **Questions to consider**
1. What is the potential cost and revenue impact of a 4% reduction in Thoracic,

Cardiothoracic and Respiratory Medicine activity?
2. What other service lines may be affected and does the model suggest any other clinical concerns?
3. What if activity was reduced by 80%?
4. How do your answers to 1-3 change if you consider reducing only the HRGs relating to COPD (i.e. a 25% reduction in all COPD HRG groups)?

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_122570

DH: Quality Accounts covering 2010/11
http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Healthcare/Qualityaccounts/index.htm

***DH: Social care and hospital use at the end of life (Nuffield Trust)

This briefing summarises a Nuffield Trust report to investigate the use and estimated costs of hospital and social care services for large groups of individuals at the end of their lives, in three PCT/local authority areas.
http://www.nuffieldtrust.org.uk/publications/detail.aspx?id=145&PRid=752

DH: EHI - Local authorities link up to N3

DH and DWP have announced that local authorities can now securely access NHS Spine services. Councils can access controlled NHS trust-hosted applications via GCSX and NHS staff can access local authority-hosted social care systems through their existing N3 connections.
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***Britain lags behind in the telemedicine revolution (Independent Newspaper)
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http://www.bjhcim.co.uk/news/2010/n1012004.htm

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http://www.gazettelive.co.uk/news/teesside-and-tees-valley/teesside-and-tees-valley-news/2010/12/07/carers-lead-the-way-84229-27777388/#ixzz17ouGfM6M

Kent Assistive Technology: Telehealth - Haris' story (video)

http://digital.kent.gov.uk/3443

Research and Development Work Relating to Assistive Technology 2009/2010
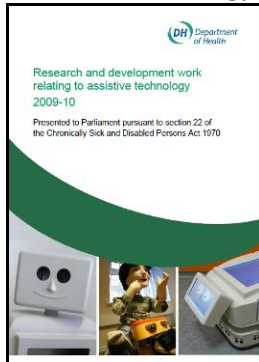
http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_122344

Protest over warden cuts (East Riding)
http://www.beverleyguardian.co.uk/news/local/protest_over_warden_cuts_1_2835538

Why Wales' social services can look forward with confidence
http://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/health-news/2010/12/06/why-wales-social-services-can-look-forward-with-confidence-91466-27772322/#ixzz17ox6ZqnV

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http://www.publicservice.co.uk/news_story.asp?id=14961

Call centre provides premium service (Service 24)

http://www.callcentrehelper.com/call-centre-provides-premium-service-14368.htm

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IT deployment and telehealth project singled out for praise in 2010 Lean Healthcare Academy Awards
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HTTP://PR-USA.NET/INDEX.PHP?OPTION=COM_CONTENT&TASK=VIEW&ID=560801&ITEMID=28

HF Telemonitoring: Getting it Right
http://www.monitoringcare.com/blog/index.php/2010/12/03/chf-telemonitoring-getting-it-right/

Telehealth revolution is predicted
http://arwatch.co.uk/2010/12/telehealth-revolution-is-predicted/

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http://www.telecareaware.com/index.php/ta-in-review-1202.html

China launches telehealth for 100,000
http://www.ehealtheurope.net/news/6481/china_launches_telehealth_for_100000

Phoebe Putney offering home monitoring device to patients (US)
http://www.mysouthwestga.com/news/story.aspx?list=~%5Cnews%5Clists%5Clocal%20and%20state&id=551974

Local innovations in wheelchair and seating services (DH)
http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_122491

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China launches telehealth for 100,000
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http://www.earthtimes.org/articles/press/improve-patient-medication-compliance,1580313.html

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http://www.physorg.com/news/2010-12-long-distance-ultrasound-exams-joystick.html

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http://www.emaxhealth.com/1024/home-blood-pressure-monitoring-can-aid-treatment

Trials use technology to help young adults achieve healthy weights - Seven NIH-funded trials seek participants to use Web, cell phones, social networking (USA)
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Is home base for health care increasingly the home?
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***Home monitors can aid blood pressure control
http://in.reuters.com/article/idINTRE6B95BP20101210

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http://hyper.ahajournals.org/cgi/content/abstract/HYPERTENSIONAHA.110.160911v1

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Telemonitoring of home infusion technology (pdf)
http://www.google.com/url?sa=X&q=http://alup.com/index.php%3Fid%3D28%26L%3D4%255C%255C%255C%255C%255C%27%2520and%2520char(124)%252Buser%252Bchar(124)%253D0%2520and%2520%255C%255C%255C%255C%255C%27%255C%255C%255C%255C%255C%27%253D%255C%255C%255C%255C%255C%27&ct=ga

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Trial: Telemonitoring During Phase 2-3 Cardiac Rehabilitation
http://clinicaltrialsfeeds.org/clinical-trials/show/NCT01252030

Cell Phone 'Telemonitoring' May Help Control Blood Pressure
http://www.businessweek.com/lifestyle/content/healthday/645897.html

Headlines from 20 December 2010

***DH: Focus on outcomes to improve patient care (20 December 2010)

The health outcomes against which the NHS will be judged, along with a consultation on proposed priorities for public health outcomes, have been published.

The NHS Outcomes Framework is the first of its kind for the NHS and moves the focus away from centrally driven process targets to patients' health results. The framework, which will be renewed annually to reflect what matters most to patients, will provide a national overview of what the NHS will aim for when improving patient outcomes and will hold the NHS Commissioning Board to account when assessing how well the NHS is performing.

The framework focuses on tackling inequalities in outcomes in five areas:

- preventing people from dying prematurely
- supporting people with long-term conditions
- helping people to recover as quickly and fully as possible from ill health or injury
- providing a positive experience for patients and the public
- ensuring patient safety.

Figure 1.2: The quality improvement system in the NHS
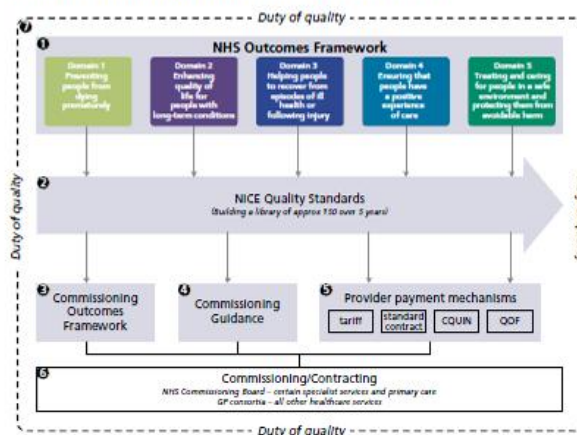
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http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_122944

DH: Healthy Lives, Healthy People: Transparency in Outcomes – proposals for a public health outcomes framework (DH, 20 December 2010)
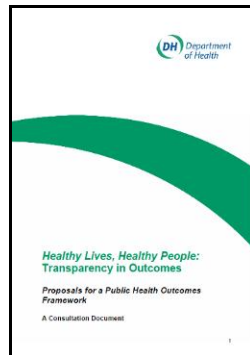
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DH Press release: Focus on outcomes to improve quality of patient care (20 December 2010)

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/MediaCentre/Pressreleases/DH_122995

DH: Transparency in outcomes - a framework for the NHS: Government response to the consultation (DH, 20 December 2010)

This document provides the Government's formal response to the consultation Transparency in outcomes – a framework for the NHS. It explains the engagement process that took place during the 12 week consultation period and provides a summary of the consultation responses. This document should be read in parallel with the first NHS Outcomes Framework which provides further context on the framework.

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Consultations/Responsestoconsultations/DH_122947

DH: Liberating the NHS: developing the healthcare workforce

This consultation document sets out proposals to establish a new framework for developing the healthcare workforce and seeks views on the systems and processes that will be needed to support it. The final date for responses is 31st March 2011, but earlier expressions of view would be helpful.

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Consultations/Liveconsultations/DH_122590

***DH: The E's of self management (DH, 20 December 2010)

The Long Term Conditions Quality, Innovation, Prevention and Productivity Team have produced the E's of Self Management, which is aimed at professionals who are commissioning and providing services for people with long term conditions and summarises support for professional engagement in self management of long term conditions.
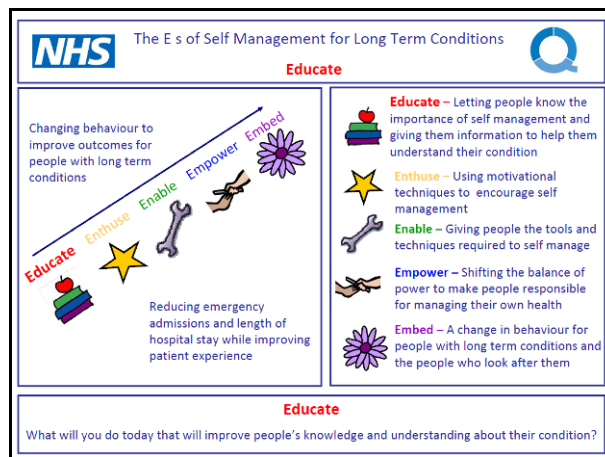
http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Healthcare/Longtermconditions/DH_123018

DH: A&E clinical quality indicators: Implementation guidance and data definitions (DH, 17 December 2010)
http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_122868

DH Dear Colleague Letter: Publication of Liberating the NHS: Legislative Framework and Next Steps, and the 2011-12 Operating Framework (DH, 17 December 2010)
http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Lettersandcirculars/Dearcolleagueletters/DH_122919

DH: Expanding the NHS 111 service (DH 16 December 2010)

Following the launch of the first pilots of the NHS 111 service, the Department of Health is writing to SHAs to invite further expressions of interest in piloting NHS 111 as a single point of access for integrated urgent care services.
http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Lettersandcirculars/Dearcolleagueletters/DH_122712

DH: Liberating the NHS: Legislative framework and next steps (DH, 14 December 2010)

Published in July 2010, the White Paper 'Equity and Excellence: Liberating the NHS' outlines the vision to make the NHS a truly world class healthcare service that puts patients at its heart and clinicians in the driving seat, focused on outcomes. Following three months of consultation on its plans for the service, the Government's response sets out further policy development based on substantial feedback and reaffirms the strong commitment to the reforms.
http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_122661

DH: NHS Allocations 2011/12 (DH, 15 December 2010)

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Managingyourorganisation/Financeandplanning/Allocations/index.htm

***The Operating Framework for the NHS in England 2011/12

***Page 26 – telecare and telehealth reference

3.18 In advance of this, a number of issues have already been identified and should be incorporated within plans for 2011/12…….

Use of digital technology in key areas to support delivery of the QIPP agenda, including:

- *use of telehealth and telecare to help people stay in their own homes*
- *introduction of digital or online services to deliver greater convenience for patients and to free up face-to-face clinical time for those who really need it*

***Page 51 – telecare reference

5.26 PCTs will need to work together with local authorities to agree jointly on appropriate areas for social care investment, and the outcomes expected from this investment. This could include current services such as telecare, community directed prevention (including falls prevention), community equipment and adaptations, and crisis response services. The Department would expect these decisions to take into account the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for their local population, and the existing commissioning plans for both health and social care. PCTs should work with local authorities to achieve these outcomes in a transparent and efficient manner, with local authorities keeping PCTs informed of progress using appropriate local mechanisms.

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Managingyourorganisation/Financeandplanning/Planningframework/index.htm

Letter from Sir David Nicholson, Equity and excellence: Liberating the NHS - Managing the transition and the 2011-12 Operating Framework
http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Managingyourorganisation/Financeandplanning/Planningframework/index.htm

DH: More funding to drive NHS improvement (DH, 15 December 2010)
http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/MediaCentre/Pressreleases/DH_122687

***Avoiding hospital admissions - What does the research evidence say? – King's Fund Report
http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/publications/avoiding_hospital.html

Newham TeleHealth Comes Out Tops!

The Whole Systems Demonstrator trial in Newham has won the prestigious Health Business Award in TeleHealth. Held on the 9th December at the Emirates Stadium, **The Health Business Awards** is establishing a reputation for showcasing success stories within the health sector. The Awards recognise and celebrate the significant contributions made each year by organisations that work inside and alongside the NHS. TeleHealth provides benefits to patients, carers, healthcare providers and community projects. This award recognises the organisation that demonstrates the most innovative use of information and communication technology (ICT) to deliver health services, expertise and information over distance.
For more information on The Health Business Awards go to: www.hbawards.co.uk

Photo caption: (L-R) BBC's Bill Turnbull presenting the award to Martin Scarfe - Newham WSD Programme Director and Sheena Hobbs - Newham WSD Communications Manager. Richard Stone - Operations Director, MedilinkWM / Alvolution, the Telehealth award sponsors, looks on.

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Major new survey shows around half of carers in England have health problems as a result of their duties
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Kent - Assistive Technology: Telecare - Vilma's Story

http://digital.kent.gov.uk/3445

***Telehealth system to aid condition self-management (Sheffield)

http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-11837457

Wales invests in telecare to save money
http://tunstall-telehealthcare.blogspot.com/2010/12/wales-invests-in-telecare-to-save-money.html

Diabetes training to target errors over insulin dosages
http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/2010/dec/19/insulin-diabetes-mistakes-training

Health checks prove successful (NHS South West Essex checks for COPD)
http://www.brentwoodweeklynews.co.uk/news/8726789.Health_checks_prove_successful/

Elderly in Wrexham asked to Keep Safe and Stay in Touch - All Telecare service users will be receiving a seasonal greeting card with the important message to "KEEP SAFE, STAY IN TOUCH" and a reminder for them wear their pendant so its there when they need it.
http://www.welshicons.org.uk/news/wrexham/elderly-in-wrexham-asked-to-keep-safe-and-stay-in-touch/

Early Christmas present from Carecall (Stockport Homes)

http://www.24dash.com/news/housing/2010-12-17-Early-Christmas-present-from-Carecall

Invicta Telecare collects TSA award

http://www.24dash.com/news/housing/2010-12-14-Invicta-Telecare-collect-TSA-award

Telecare and telehealth guide from Counsel and Care

http://tunstall-telehealthcare.blogspot.com/2010/12/telecare-and-telehealth-guide-from.html

 Pathfinder Consortia Are Already Using Telehealth
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UK pioneers eHealth initiatives
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Robert Bosch Healthcare Withdraws From Northern Ireland Tender Process
http://www.marketwire.com/press-release/Robert-Bosch-Healthcare-Withdraws-From-Northern-Ireland-Tender-Process-1370425.htm

Advanced technologies for an ageing population (Glasgow, Scotland 23/24 March 2011)
http://www.nanowerk.com/news/newsid=19422.php

A full programme is available at www.nano.org.uk/conferences/ageing2011/programme.htm

Community Smoke Alarm Scheme Launched In Clare
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New Use For iPads: Viewing Your Medical Records Online
http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/211810.php

iPLATO platform available in Northern Ireland - iPLATO Healthcare, the leader in mHealth, announced today that its application services are now available to users in Northern Ireland. This will allow local NHS organisations to offer high quality mobile phone enabled health services to its populations to promote health, transform patient pathways and support people with long term conditions.
http://www.iplato.net/news-appointment-reminders-and-mobile-health-promotion/iplato-platform-available-in-northern-ireland.html

COPD Ranked Third Leading Cause of Death in the U.S., CDC Reports
http://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20101209006673/en/COPD-Ranked-Leading-Death-U.S.-CDC-Reports

Individuals Living With COPD Use Pulse Oximeter Devices Cope With Their Condition
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Exercise Crucial for Patients With Type 2 Diabetes - 150 Minutes Per Week of Intense Exercise Can Improve Blood Sugar, Insulin Levels
http://diabetes.webmd.com/news/20101210/experts-exercise-crucial-patients-type-2-diabetes

Home Health Technology Could Ease Strain on Health Care System – RAND Study
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Home Monitoring Devices May Ease World Health Burden
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E-commerce, Telehealth Partnership Allows Health Care Practitioners To Grow Revenue With Ease (USA)
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***Smartphones, Tablets Empowering Consumer Health Care Technology in 2011 - In 2011, Best Buy will sell wireless health devices in half of its stores, according to Ovum.
http://www.eweek.com/c/a/Health-Care-IT/Smartphones-Tablets-Empowering-Consumer-Health-Care-Technology-in-2011-627438/

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Robots For The Hospital Emergency Room
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Video phones boost emergency CPR confidence
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Seniors surge on social networks
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graytech15_ST_N.htm?csp=34news&utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter&utm_campaign=Feed%3A
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***Why More Health Experts Are Embracing the Social Web
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Docs poised to prescribe mobile health apps
http://www.healthcareitnews.com/news/docs-poised-prescribe-mobile-health-apps

Top 20 Free iPhone Medical Apps For Health Care Professionals
http://www.imedicalapps.com/2010/12/bes-free-iphone-medical-apps-doctors-health-care-professionals/

End of life care in adults - assessment and care planning
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Healthsense to Present Its Technology Solution for Reducing the High Cost of Aging at 2nd Annual Digital Health
Summit at CES
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Reducing-High-Cost

Qualcomm developing mHealth systems - Smartphones and sensor to drive new models of healthcare
http://www.itp.net/583152-qualcomm-developing-mhealth-systems

Groundbreaking Research on Making ICUs Safer
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deliver-wellness-services-111926769.html

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20/articleshow/7117988.cms

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http://www.rnib.org.uk/livingwithsightloss/computersphones/Pages/bs8878_launch.aspx

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http://www.theaustralian.com.au/australian-it/doctors-ready-for-online-consultations/story-e6frgakx-1225970511129

Germany: Tele-Devices To Remotely Monitor Patients Suffering From Lung Diseases
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WellDoc Integrates Mobile Diabetes Coaching With AllScripts HER
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Headlines from 27 December 2010

Health Secretary on next steps of NHS reform (21 December 2010)

In July 2010, DH published the NHS White Paper, *Equity and excellence: Liberating the NHS*, which set out the Government's long-term vision for the future of the NHS. This vision builds on the core values and principles of the NHS – a comprehensive service, available to all, free at the point of use, based on need, not ability to pay.

Following three months of consultation, over 6,000 responses, and further policy development, the

Government's response to the consultations are now published.
http://healthandcare.dh.gov.uk/steps/

***Social Care Bulletin, Issue 15, December 2010

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80% of UK health professionals carry mobiles - and almost half use them to go online for work
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Tunstall's Telecare Solutions Help Protect Victims of Domestic Violence
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Anna Dixon/King's Fund: Should clinicians be responsible for the population as well as individuals?
http://blogs.bmj.com/bmj/2010/12/08/anna-dixon-should-clinicians-be-responsible-for-the-population-as-well-as-individuals/#

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http://www.theyworkforyou.com/wrans/?id=2010-12-20a.31196.h&s=speaker%3A10080#g31196.r0

Payment by Results 2011-12 road test package (22 December 2010)
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Buddi TV Advert (ITV2, 26 December 2010)

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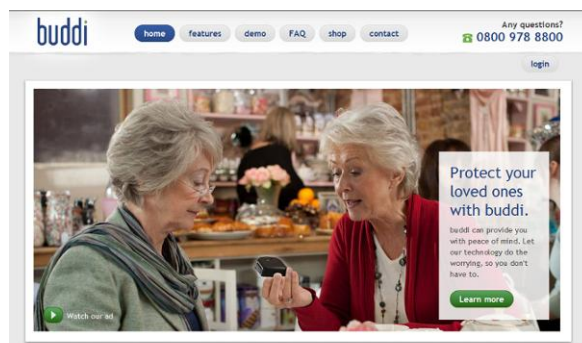
Provider economics impact assessment model (21 December 2010)

The Department in partnership with the NHS Confederation have produced the Provider economics commissioning impact assessment model. with associated guidance and summary. to better understand provider economics

The purpose of the model is to enable commissioners and providers;

- to analyse the potential impact of commissioning decisions on service continuity and provider sustainability
- to understand how the financial system risks of decommissioning and reconfiguring services will materialise in differing economic scenarios and whether services provide value for money.

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Appendix A – Survey of telecare sensors in social care authorities in England

In December 2010, a survey was carried out of telecare services provided by social care authorities in England to look at the different sensors that could be made available to users and carers. The survey was carried out from local authority web sites.

There are many different arrangements for accessing services across the local authorities and it is important that users and carers have sufficient information to make a decision where able to make a choice (eg with a personal budget).

The table covers some of the most commonly mentioned sensors. In many cases, the telecare configurations would be made available following an assessment. In some cases, users and carers can access services directly.

The table does not currently include housing associations, independent and commercial providers. Some local authorities, particularly county councils, have arrangements with housing providers, district councils etc.

Other provider organisations will be included at a later date. They are, however, listed on the Telecare Google Map.

	Base unit	Pendant	Smoke/ fire	Temp	Flood	Fall	Bed	Chair	Door/ Prop Exit	CO	Gas	Pull Cord	Safety/ Security/ Bogus Caller	Med/Pill Dispenser	Epilepsy	Enuresis	Key Safe	Movement/ PIR	Lifestyle/ Activity Monitoring	Wandering	Dementia	Standalone	Automatic lighting	Unspecified sensors
Barking and Dagenham	y	y																						
Barnet	y	y	y	y	y	y	y		y											y				
Barnsley	y	y	y	y		y				y			y	y							y			
BANES	y	y	y	y	y						y		y	y	y	y	y		y			y		
Bedford Borough																								
Bexley	y	y																						y
B'ham	y	y																						y
Blackburn with Darwen																								
Blackpool	y	y	y		y	y	y		y		y													
Bolton	y	y	y	y	y	y	y		y		y	y		y				y						
B'mouth	y	y	y		y									y										
Bracknell Forest	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y					y			y	y						
Bradford	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y						y				y						
Brent	y	y	y		y	y					y													
Brighton and Hove	y	y	y	y	y	y							y	y	y									
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Bromley	y	y																						
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Coventry	y	y	y		y	y	y		y				y					y						

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Derbyshire	y	y	y		y								y									
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Dorset			y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y		y	y			y					
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Durham	y	y		y		y	y	y	y													
Ealing	y	y																				
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East Sussex	y	y	y	y	y	y			y	y			y						y	y	y	
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Islington	y	y																				
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Knowsley	y	y	y		y	y	y	y	y		y	y	y									
Lambeth	y	y																				
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Lewisham	y	y																						
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Newham	y	y	y		y		y	y		y	y		y			y								
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Oxford-shire	y	y	y	y	y	y	y		y	y		y			y	y		y						
P'borough	y	y																						
Plymouth	y	y	y	y					y			y					y							
Poole	y	y										y												
Ports-mouth	y	y	y	y	y	y			y	y		y	y							y				
Reading	y	y	y	y	y	y							y	y										
Redbridge	y	y	y			y				y							y							
Redcar and Cleveland	y	y	y	y	y		y		y				y				y		y				y	
Richmond Upon Thames	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y		y						
Rochdale	y	y																						
Rotherham	y	y																						
Rutland																								
Salford	y	y	y		y	y																		
Sandwell	y	y	y	y	y	y		y		y			y										y	
Sefton	y	y	y		y																			
Sheffield	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y		y											
Shropshire			y	y	y	y		y	y		y	y	y	y	y	y	y		y			y	y	
Slough	y	y																						

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Solihull	y	y																			
Somerset			y	y	y	y	y		y	y	y		y	y	y	y		y			
South Gloucs	y	y																		y	
South Tyneside	y	y																			
Southamp-ton																					
Southend on Sea	y	y		y	y	y	y	y		y									y		
Southwark	y	y	y	y	y	y			y				y	y			y	y			
St Helens	y	y			y			y	y					y							
Staffs			y	y	y	y	y		y				y		y	y		y		y	
Stockport	y	y	y	y	y	y	y		y		y										
Stockton on Tees	y	y		y	y	y													y		
Stoke on Trent	y	y	y		y	y					y		y				y				
Suffolk	y	y	y	y		y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y		y	y
Sunderland	y	y	y		y		y	y		y		y	y		y	y		y		y	y
Surrey			y	y	y	y	y	y	y		y		y	y		y		y			
Sutton	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y		y	y		y		y			
Swindon	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y		y	y		y					y			
Tameside	y	y		y	y	y	y		y		y							y			
Telford and the Wrekin	y	y	y		y	y															
Thurrock	y	y	y	y	y	y	y		y	y	y	y	y	y	y		y	y		y	
Torbay	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y		y				y				
Tower Hamlets	y	y	y		y	y					y	y									
Trafford	y	y	y	y	y	y	y		y		y										
Wakefield	y	y	y	y	y	y	y				y		y								
Walsall			y	y	y	y	y		y	y							y				
Waltham Forest	y	y																			
Wands-worth	y	y																			
Warrington	y	y	y		y	y				y			y								
Warwick-shire	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y		y	y	y	y		y		y	
West Berkshire																					
West Sussex			y	y	y	y	y	y	y		y		y		y	y		y			
West-minster	y	y	y	y	y	y				y											
Wigan	y	y	y	y	y	y	y		y	y			y	y		y	y	y			
Wiltshire	y	y	y		y	y			y		y	y	y			y		y	y		
Windsor and Maidenhead	y	y		y	y	y			y									y			
Wirral			y		y	y	y	y	y		y	y	y	y		y	y				y
Wokingham	y	y	y		y	y					y										
W'hampton	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y		y			y					y			

Worcs			y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y		y	y				y				y
York	y	y	y		y	y	y		y			y				y					y	