

Terms of Reference

Title: Telehealthcare (telehealthcare)

Start Date: 5th March 2012

End Date:

Scrutiny: Adults and Housing and Health and Partnerships Scrutiny Committees'

PURPOSE/AIM		RESOURCE
<p>To explore the current benefits of telehealthcare, through studying pilots, carrying out visits and meetings with Officers and assessing the potential of extending the service through integrated pathways and joint working.</p>		<p>Members Relevant Portfolio Holders DBC Officers Democratic Services CDDFT GPs Age UK</p>
PROCESS		OUTCOME
<p>Adult and Housing</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Briefing/explanation of Lifeline Services. 2. To consider the evidence, past pilots and research available. 3. Undertake visits to Care Homes, Sheltered Housing Accommodation and Extra Care Schemes to seek services users perspective. 4. Identify the benefits of Lifeline services. 5. Consider the potential of extending the service, visit the CCTV control room. 6. Examine services provided by Age UK in some Darlington Care Homes. 7. Address and scrutinise any concerns. <p>Jointly undertake:-</p>	<p>Health and Partnerships</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Overview of Telehealthcare 2. To consider the evidence, past pilots and research available. 3. Meet with Lead GPs to identify their position in relation to Telehealthcare. 4. Explore the usage of Telehealthcare with the hospital and conditions of discharge. 5. Exploration of referrals and assessment of need practices with GPs, hospitals, community services and services users. 6. Address and scrutinise any concerns. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understand the issues around Telehealthcare 2. Consideration of whether integration of pathway/service is possible and appropriate 3. Establish whether there is evidence to enhance the lifeline service 4. Make recommendations to Cabinet 5. The ultimate outcome is to prevent unnecessary hospital admissions and extend and provide a good quality of life for Darlington residents.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Explore the benefits of an Integrated pathway or service2. Consider opportunities of enhancing the services – lifeline/telehealth/telecare3. Consider the benefits of joint working.4. Ascertain whether there is skills gap and requirement of more training as to why the equipment isn't used more widely.5. Explore the benefits of having a central storage point of keys for accessing properties, in the case of an emergency.6. Explore the benefits of triggers for diagnosis and/or referrals to other services through frequent callers for non-emergencies. | |
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COUNCILLOR
(TO BE SIGNED BY MEMBER OF SCRUTINY COMMITTEE REQUESTING TOPIC)

CHAIR
(TO BE SIGNED BY CHAIR OF SCRUTINY COMMITTEE)

DOES THIS ITEM CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THE STRATEGIC AIMS OF THE COUNCIL?

YES