

**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL**

**ADULT SERVICES  
CABINET MEMBER**

**TELECARE/TELEHEALTH CARE STRATEGY INFORMATION**

**1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT**

- 1.1 The object of this paper is to inform cabinet member of the Telecare Project and the development of the Telecare/telehealth strategy.
- 1.2 To seek Cabinet Member endorsement of the strategy and its' implementation.

**2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 2.1 The focus of the project has been the development of a joint strategy with North Lincolnshire Adult Social Services & NHS North Lincolnshire to commission telecare/ telehealth care equipment for the residents of North Lincolnshire. The strategy outlines the integration of telecare/telehealth into community care, management and education. This will contribute to achieving a joint vision of providing care closer to home in a preventative and anticipatory manner for the people of North Lincolnshire.
- 2.2 Telecare/Telehealth is a growth area which potentially offers significant cost savings, enabling older people to remain living safely at home for longer, giving them and their carers peace of mind and helping people to feel more independent. Although, most people will have heard of pendant alarms, telecare/telehealth equipment can go much further than this, from monitoring vital signs (telemedicine), to preventing accidents in the home, and reducing older people's sense of isolation and loneliness.
- 2.3 NHS & North Lincolnshire recognises that people want and need to be supported in managing their Long Term Conditions. NHS North Lincolnshire's Strategic Plan sets out to work in partnership with Practice Based Commissioners, Local Authority, voluntary sector, patients and carers to develop a Long Term Conditions strategy to

improve access to technology for telecare/telehealth to support patients in their own homes.

2.4 NHS North Lincolnshire, North Lincolnshire Council and Practice Based Commissioners share the view that telecare/telehealth can bring benefits to the population of North Lincolnshire in helping individuals remain at home and enabling health and social care workers to manage the care of patients more effectively and efficiently.

2.5 Personalisation supports the use of telecare to increase people's choice and control in how & where they live their lives.

### **3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

3.1 The Strategy and its implementation is endorsed by the Cabinet Member

3.2 The Strategy and its implementation is not endorsed by the Cabinet Member

### **4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS**

4.1 Implementing the use of telecare will increase people's choice and control and support people to live at home longer. This service is a joined up approach working with our health partners in preventing people been admitted to hospital and will help with discharge from hospital.

4.2 Not to implement the telecare project will see a rise in the spend on the home care budget and residential care placements.

### **5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)**

5.1 Pump priming monies (85k) from the transformational grant has been made available in order to purchase equipment.

5.2 Savings will be made in the home care budget, which will fund future telecare purchases.

### **6. OTHER IMPLICATIONS (STATUTORY, ENVIRONMENTAL, DIVERSITY, SECTION 17 - CRIME AND DISORDER, RISK AND OTHER)**

6.1 Supports statutory functions

6.2 Environmental - reduces travel for homecare CO2 emissions

6.3 Diversity Impact assessment completed

## 7. **OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION**

7.1 The Executive Strategic Commissioning Board have been consulted on this strategy and have given their support.

## 8. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

8.1 That Cabinet Member endorses the Strategy and its implementation

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#### **Background Papers used in the preparation of this report**

The following national policies have help to guide this strategy:

White Paper, Valuing People: A New Strategy for Learning Disability for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (2001)

Carer (Equal Opportunities) Act 2004

Green Paper: Independence, Well-being and Choices (2005)

National Service Framework (NSF) for Long Term Conditions (2005)

White Paper "Our Health, Our Care, Our Say: a new direction for community services" (2006)

A New Ambition for Old Age (2006)

Putting People First, Transforming Social Care (2007)

A New Vision for Mental Health (2008)

Living Well with Dementia – a National Dementia Strategy (2009)

Carers at the heart of the 21st century families and communities – New Carers Strategy 2008/2018

Promoting Independence, Changing Lives – Adult Social Care Service Plan (2009/10)

NHS 2010–2015: From good to great. Preventative, people-centred, productive (2009)  
Department of Health, December

Transforming Community Service(2010) Department of Health

Use of Resources in Adult Social Care. A guide for Local Authorities. (2009)  
Department of Health

Making a strategic shift towards prevention and early intervention. A Guide (2008)  
Department of Health

Transforming Adult Social Care. Social Care Reform Grant. Local Authority Circular  
(March 2010)