



# Technology Enabled Care Programme Newsletter



## Technology Funding for Argyll & Bute

May/June 2015

Argyll & Bute Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) have been allocated £492,000 of Scottish Government funding to support Technology Enabled Care (TEC).

The TEC fund is for 1 year and it will support Argyll & Bute HSCP to build on and expand its current work on delivering Technology Enabled Services. This fund will support us to embed technology as a key part of the services we deliver. This will allow us to improve access to services

and enhance care provision. Christina West, our Chief Officer, was quoted as saying "The TEC award is an exciting opportunity for us to build on our current use of technology in Argyll and Bute and to implement new solutions to meet the challenge of delivering care in remote and rural communities. An increased use of technology will allow us to provide greater choice and control in health and care services so that people can remain at home and in their communities".



Rod from Grey Matters tries out home health monitoring.

### TEC workstreams

1. Expand the use of Home Health monitoring
3. Embed Living it Up
4. Expand the use of telecare

There are opportunities to get more involved in all 3 of these workstreams. If you are interested, please contact us at the TEC office.

## Argyll & Bute TEC Programme Launch 23<sup>rd</sup> April

46 staff and public representatives came along to 3 villages hall on 23<sup>rd</sup> April to hear about the A&B TEC programme. The day was focused on looking at what we needed to do to embed TEC services. Everyone also had an opportunity to hear about the draft TEC strategy and feedback and comments were invited.

Speakers Alex Davidson, JIT Associate, presented the national picture and an overview of the TEC fund. He noted that the fund will be ongoing for 3 years. Maggie Clark gave an update on the Programme Board and Action Plan and set the local information in the context of the National agenda and Delivering Our Ambitions.

Elaine Booth gave an update on Living it Up and what was happening in Argyll & Bute. Elaine encouraged everyone to sign up to LiU.

Susan Spicer and Anne Austin presented the background to the TEC strategy and outlined how this fits with the TEC fund, the programme board and DOA. The TEC strategy will be finalised soon and will be sent to localities and organisations to be included in locality planning. Thank you to everyone who attended the event and commented on the draft strategy

### Key themes that emerged from the interactive sessions were:

- The need for effective communication
- Link to local service improvement and local Integrated Care Fund Plans.
- Locality planning is key at strategic level.
- Engagement with GPs and local services.
- Education and support for people and staff to use TEC solutions.



There are opportunities to get more involved in all three of these workstreams. If you are interested, please contact us at the TEC office on 01369 708358 or e-mail [maggie.clark2@nhs.net](mailto:maggie.clark2@nhs.net).

## Update on Workstream 3 - Living it Up



Living it Up continues to develop and will focus over the next year on becoming the self management hub for Scotland. Locally, Living it Up will focus on supporting health/social care/independent /voluntary staff to embed it into our service pathways. Further work will be done on Asset mapping and the ALISS platform to improve search results for local groups and organisations. A further area for expansion is adding services to ALISS, including statutory services.

*Let us know about your service and we can get it added for you.*

The Flourish element of Living it Up contains content that will support people to self manage but also includes content specific to lung conditions, Coronary Heart Disease, Heart Failure, Dementia, Diabetes and Falls Prevention. There is also a section on home health monitoring and we will be building on that over the coming year, you will also find content on Telecare, what it is, how it can help and how people can access it in Argyll & Bute.

Over the next year we will be working with local organisations and services to help you refer people to Living it Up and also

help you find relevant content on LiU to support people on your caseloads. We will also be developing case studies and experience guides locally and can include some relevant local content.

Contact our TEC team—  
contact details below.



**Find out more about ways people can stay independent at home and in your community on:**

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

The TEC Team, so far, are:

Maggie Clark—TEC Programme Manager  
Karen MacLagan—PA to TEC Team  
Elaine Booth—TEC Engagement Officer

We will have an e-health post in place on 1st July and are recruiting to 3 part time Service Improvement roles. The TEC Team are based in Cowal Community Hospital and cover all three workstreams .

If you are interested in getting more involved, contact us at:

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**Next month, we'll tell you more about our plans for home health monitoring and our progress so far!**