

Housing & Social Care Scrutiny Panel

Scoping Document

Advancing the use of technology in Adult Social Care (Telecare and Telehealth)

Background

This topic was agreed by the Scrutiny Management Panel on 26 July 2012 and forms part of the Housing & Scrutiny Panel Scrutiny Panel's 2012/13 work programme.

Objectives of the Inquiry

- To gather evidence on the current provision of technological solutions (e.g. telecare and telehealth) to adult social care clients by the City Council and other organisations
- To raise awareness of the telecare services currently available to promote and assist independent living
- To understand recent research on the benefits of advancing telecare and telehealth provision in the city
- To investigate how advances in technological solutions will benefit Portsmouth residents, the local authority and partner organisations
- To influence the developing Telecare and Telehealth commissioning strategy

Possible Witnesses

Katie Cheeseman (Project manager – Assistive Technology) to set the scene, explain commissioning role and to report on recent research

Nigel Baldwin (Housing Enabling Manager) to explain the current PCC Telecare provision in the city to both PCC tenants and non-PCC tenants (with links to Adult Social care responder service) which will include an overview of the current telecare equipment and a demonstration from one of the telecare technicians.

Extra Care/sheltered housing representatives, such as Alison Croucher or Chris Wignall from PCC Housing Management, Housing 21 (scheme manager of Brunel Court) and from Leonard Cheshire.

Telecare and telehealth providers from the private sector – YOU Trust (Lorraine Pink), Tynetec, Telehealth Solutions Ltd (and others to be agreed e.g. Bosch, Tunstall).

Health representatives – Solent NHS Trust on implementing telehealth solutions, a health care provider perspective (such as a local GP who implements

telehealth solutions at their practice) and Wessex Health Innovation & Education Cluster representative.

Third Sector– Age UK/Alzheimers Society (national bodies to be requested to give written representation)

Users of services – from groups such as Portsmouth Pensioners, The Residents Consortium and the Portsmouth Overview Group.

Other PCC Adult Social Care representatives – such as a social worker and an occupational therapist who make referrals

Other Local Authorities?

Work Plan and proposed dates of future meetings

Monthly meetings to be arranged.