

Terms of Reference for the Telecare Advisory Network (TAN)

1 Aim of Group

To provide for the Department of Health (DH) and The Care Services Improvement Partnership (CSIP) an integrated reference and oversight group on the successful policy and service development, mainstreaming, research and practical application of telecare in England. Telecare' being described as any service that brings health and social care directly to a user, generally in their own homes, supported by information and communication technology (Audit Commission 2004). To support CSIP's implementation & monitoring of the Department of Health's Preventative Technology Grant and initiatives coming out of the White Paper ('Our health, our care, our say'), and other relevant policy drivers.

2 Objectives of Group

- 2.1 To support CSIP and DH policy colleagues on telecare policy development and maintenance
- 2.2 To support CSIP and DH policy colleagues monitor the implementation of the Telecare Prevention Grant
- 2.3 To support CSIP and DH policy colleagues monitor and influence the impact of National Standards on the development and application of telecare

- 2.4 To support CSIP and DH policy colleagues monitor any telecare developments arising from the White Paper ('Our health, our care, our say'), and other relevant policy drivers.
- 2.5 To support the work of the NHS Purchasing and Supply Agency (PASA) in the current and future development of the Telecare National Framework Agreement
- 2.6 To operate as a "think tank" or "knowledge community" to further assess the implications of future generations of Telecare, contributing to the development and extension of the telecare pack together with awareness raising and networking initiatives to reduce implementation lead time, optimise take-up and share good practice.
- 2.7 To encourage Service Commissioners and providers to ensure that users and their carers are able to influence both service design, implementation and evaluation
- 2.8 To act as "champions" to firmly establish telecare and telehealth within a wider context of health, housing and social care reform including :
 - a) extra care housing
 - b) long term condition management,
 - c) alternatives to hospital and care home admission,
 - d) supplements to home care packages for a wide range of users, carers and other stakeholders

3 Membership & Administration

3.1 Membership

The membership of the group will be invited to join for a period of 24 months and should represent a wide body of knowledge and experience of Telecare.

These should include:-

CSIP members

DoH Policy Group

Academic, /Research Groups

Telecare industry,

Telecare trade bodies,

Local Authority/Health Commissioners

Service providers.

Independent Consultants/Other respected Authorities

Others to be co-opted for specific meetings when appropriate and for defined periods

3.2 Administration

The group should be chaired by a member of either CSIP or the DoH Policy Group

Housing LIN to facilitate meetings and provide administrative support

Meetings to be held 3-4 monthly (max)

Notes of the TAN meetings and any meetings of TAN subgroups to be posted on the www.cat.csip.org.uk/telecare website. Further any other reports produced by the TAN or its subgroups to be posted on the website

The group should report to DH and CSIP via the Chair of the Group

In addition there should be an annual report to DH and CSIP Senior Management Teams

Admin and facilitation costs will be subsumed into existing Housing LIN work programme

Additional work to meet any specific outputs/programme of action will need to be costed and internal/external funding sources identified

4 Priorities for 2006/07

- Demonstrator Projects
- Training & workforce competencies
- Shared learning opportunities arising out of practice developments, research & mainstreaming existing projects
- Continued support for the development of the Telecare Implementation Guide