

Assistive Technology in Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin

Presentation to the Health and Well Being Board on
Principles to underlie a Memorandum of Understanding
for Assistive Technology

Some relevant statistics.....

- * 92% of adults personally own/use a mobile phone in the UK (Q1 2012), with 81.6 million mobile subscriptions in the UK (Q4 2011) and an average number of SMS and MMS sent per person per month of 200 (Q4 2011)
- * At the end of 2011 the number of fixed residential broadband connections in the UK was 18.8m, with 76% (Q1 2012) of adults having a broadband (fixed + mobile) connection
- * The proportion of people who use their mobile handset to access the internet is 39% (Q1 2012)
- * Proportion of adults who use social networking sites at home is 50% (Q1 2012)

Principle 1

Principle	Proposed actions
Assistive Technology is recognized as a potential enabler to solving problems once they are identified	All organisations should introduce the following question when assessing strategies and business cases:- “Does this strategy consider whether assistive technology could enable the improvement of the patient experience and cost effectiveness”

Principle 2

Principle	Proposed actions
Assistive Technology will be embedded into systems and processes, with strong consideration on how technology can support the challenges of serving a rural population	Each large transformational change project should include a sub-group to assess the role that assistive technology could have on supporting the transformation

Principle 3

Principle	Proposed actions
Individual Organisation Boards will take the lead on implementation of assistive technology. The Assistive Technology Group will ensure communication across the health and social care economy	<p>Each Board should nominate an Executive lead for assistive technology</p> <p>All organisations decisions to commission assistive technology should ensure systems have interoperability built into them</p> <p>Each organisation should supply, on a six monthly basis, data relating to the assistive technology projects they are delivering and planning, to be placed on a public facing website</p> <p>All organisations commit to attending the Assistive Technology Group</p>

Principle 4

Principle	Proposed actions
All organisations will increase the level of understanding of their staff regarding assistive technology	Articles should be placed in all organisations newsletters regarding assistive technology A section on assistive technology should be included in induction packs and presentations for new staff

Principle 5

Principle	Proposed actions
Organisations will work together to increase members of the public general understanding of assistive technology	The CCG, with the support of patients groups and the public, should run a series of awareness raising workshops A full proposal of projects to improve public understanding should be created

Principle 6

Principle	Proposed actions
Technology should only be implemented locally after it can be demonstrated as Value for Money	<p>An assessment of evidence and case studies should be completed and presented to the Health and Well Being Board and all partners across the Health and Social Care Economy in February of 2014</p> <p>Consideration of projects, based on case studies from elsewhere and known requirements in Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin should be developed and taken through business planning processes</p>

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

These principles will form a Memorandum of Understanding that boards and cabinets will be asked to sign

The Board are asked to

- agree the principles
- Delegate the authority to the Health and Well Being Executive Group to finalise the Memorandum of Understanding and progress signing