

Highlight Report

Reporting Period	October 2012	Assistive Technology (AT)				
Project Manager	Adam Willison	<i>This programme of work is looking to continue developing AT opportunities in Buckinghamshire. Increased profile of AT development nationally has helped to steer strategic priorities for this piece of work. Focus for Bucks is currently on developing better AT retail opportunities in Bucks, particularly for self funders. We are also looking at the strategic development of health technology services and increasing general awareness of AT.</i>				
Project Sponsor	Devora Wolfson	Overall RAG Status	Schedule	Benefits/Costs	Risks/Issues	Resources
		Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
Status Summary	AT programme is currently on target and progressing well. Scoping meeting for online self assessment system held 30/8/12 and target for project completion is expected to be around November. 2 out of 4 Telehealth projects established, with remaining 2 in development – these will hopefully be established shortly when agreed by area leads. Accredited AT training and development offering for social and healthcare practitioners going through pilot development phase. Positive reception for conducting trial run of course for up to 16 social and healthcare practitioners by 31 st March 2013.					
Developments/ Achievements this period:			Targets for next period:			
<p>1. AT retail platform – Scoping meeting for online self assessment system held 30/8/12 and target for project completion is expected to be around November.</p> <p>2. Telehealth platform- Speech therapy and vital signs projects well underway. 12 month evaluation period for Speech Therapy has begun and first video conference therapy session successfully completed. Vital signs system training due for equipment service and nursing staff in mid-October. Awaiting Medication Management Lead go ahead for commencement of AT project. Smoking cessation literature review completed by Tobacco Control Lead and preferred way forward for Public Health awaited.</p> <p>3. Raise AT awareness with key groups – Further to presentation of AT training/development opportunities at Managers General Meeting we now have a clear way forward for implementing pilot for up to 16 Health and Social Care workers. The outcome of this pilot will help to determine and refine the approach we take to offering development opportunities to a much wider group of practitioners in the future.</p> <p>4. AT economic development opportunities – UK Trade & Investment visit to Spinal Injuries Centre completed. Positive 2012 Paralympics themed 'Meet the Buyer Event' held at Stoke Mandeville Stadium in Sept 12. Both of these have resulted in being able to highlight Bucks AT work at an international level and secure an economic legacy for Bucks.</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to work with Contract and Fund Manager to establish implementation plan for online self assessment function. • Meet with Aylesbury Vale Clinical Commissioning Group GP lead for Joint Care to give overview of AT in Bucks. • Confirm next steps for Medication Management and Public Health projects • Develop training course project for social healthcare practitioners. 			
Items requiring management action:						
None						

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Progress Against Plan Key Milestones						
Ref	Description	Baseline Date	Forecast/Actual Date	RAG Status	Reason if not green	
	Development of AT retail offering via online self assessment function	March 12	Winter 12	G		
	Development of a Telehealth programme of work	March 12	12-14	G		
	Social Worker and OT training programme	12-13	12-14	G		
Key Risks and Issues						
Ref	Risk	Mitigating Action			Owner	RAG
	None this month					