

Highlight Report

Reporting Period	December 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, 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	Rachael Rothero	Overall RAG Status	Schedule	Benefits/Costs	Risks/Issues	Resources
		Green	Amber	Green	Green	Green
Status Summary	The AT programme continues to progress well. The online self assessment system has been delayed due to Procurement issues which are currently being worked through. 2 out of 4 Telehealth projects have been established, with the 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 is going through pilot development phase. We will be conducting a trial run of the course for up to 16 social and healthcare practitioners to commence in January 2013.					
Developments/ Achievements this period:			Targets for next period:			
<p>1. AT retail platform – The online self assessment system has been delayed due to Procurement issues which are currently being worked through and may set the project back into new financial year.</p> <p>2. Telehealth platform- Speech therapy and vital signs projects well underway. First Speech Therapy quarterly evaluation report is due this month from Bucks New University. Vital signs system training now undertaken by 28 staff and units are starting to be re-deployed in the community. Awaiting Medication Management Lead go ahead for commencement of AT project. Smoking cessation project replaced in favour of healthy lifestyle promotion using AT which will give a wider project scope. PID is being developed for this.</p> <p>3. Raise AT awareness with key groups – Update presentation of AT training/development opportunities given at Managers General Meeting on 3/12. Bi-weekly project group have now developed an implementation plan for 16 Health and Social Care workers to undertake this course and 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 – Off the back of work of ICE-T programme which has now finished, Bucks County Council have affirmed commitment to support development of AT in county and where possible, using local businesses. The work to date has 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 once Procurement process completed. Confirm next steps for Medication Management and Public Health projects Develop final stages training course project for social healthcare practitioners. Link with new phase of AT opportunities with Bucks businesses. 			
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	April 13	A	Delay in Procurement process.	
	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					