



Executive Partnership Board

Report

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Assistive Technology retail platform

- Business plan presentation given by NRS on 31/1 to BCC commissioners on retail platform.
- AW developing business case in response to NRS request around greater risk sharing e.g. potential transfer of existing social care AT clients to their ownership.
- Self funder provider forum event due shortly to present concept of online self assessment function via BCC. This will be to engage with all interested equipment retail partners within Bucks that wish to be involved in growing this market.

Telehealth

- First draft of business case presented at January Clinical Commissioning Board (CCB). Positive comments received to take forward for second draft – CCB March slot booked, however,

presentation is dependent on all parties agreeing on clinical content of business case.

- Held first Telehealth project group on 20th January. Monthly meetings now established until summer with key stakeholders from GP consortia and PCT, with a view to pushing agenda forward from health side.
- Have secured bid in partnership with Thames Valley Health Innovation and Education Cluster for £15K from Strategic Health Authority to deliver project management support and Bucks New University academic evaluation of Speech and Language Therapy project.
- Transferred a number of Bucks Urgent Care Telehealth systems to Bucks Healthcare Trust Community Teams to trial and also integrate with Community Equipment Service contract.

Raise awareness of Assistive Technology with key groups

- Additional AT Assessment Worker recruited on 6 month secondment to aid increase in assessments and cover for existing Worker in supporting NRS retail model development.
- Short term team and Central Access Team (approx 30 workers) trained in conducting AT assessments. 10+ assessments now undertaken by these staff.
- AT conference to be booked for 13th March 12 with guest speakers. This event will have a health technology emphasis.
- Carers Bucks programme of community awareness agreed for 12/13.

Academic research and ICE-T programme

- Bucks New University have now agreed to fund a Telehealth research centre and lead academic for a year.
- Working as a partner with Mark Wathen AVDC and ICE-T programme to progress of 2012 Paralympics themed 'Meet the Buyer' technology event in September.