



Assistive Technology Partnership Board

Report

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1. AT retail

- Commencing with purchase of online equipment self assessment tool. First project group meeting end of August to discuss implementation, which is expected to take around 3 months.

2. Telehealth

- Telehealth programme now consists of 4 project areas: - speech therapy, vitals signs monitoring, medication management and smoking cessation. Speech therapy and vital signs projects are well underway with an established monthly operational group. Medication management and smoking cessation are still in development stages.

3. Raise AT awareness with key groups

- 2 x AT Assessment Workers leading on community assessments.
- AT Project Officer and AT Business Support Assistant posts now filled.

- Working with Bucks New University to provide AT continuing professional development opportunities. Phase 1 will look at training up to 15 professionals in this area. Phase 2 will involve a wider procurement process and potential of training many more practitioners in social care and health.
- Third sector AT promotional work continues with Action on Hearing Loss, Carers Bucks and Alzheimer's Society.

4. Evaluation and economic development

- Bucks New University are now the established evaluation partner for AT, with initial work commencing on the Telehealth projects.
- 2012 Paralympics themed 'Meet the Buyer Event' at Stoke Mandeville Stadium in Sept 12. This is an event where industry meets social healthcare practitioners to discuss, demonstrate and network around the AT agenda. It is also being linked to an international trade delegation attending the National Spinal Injuries Centre at Stoke Mandeville to see delivery advanced care from acute to community settings.