

7th December 2010

TAHI's Assistive Living Working Group held a meeting on Tuesday 7th December at the offices of BIS, [Kingsgate House](#), 66-74 Victoria Street LONDON SW1E 6SW.

Chairman – Charles Lowe – TeleHealth Solutions Limited

Secretary – Stephen Pattenden – TAHI Secretariat

Notes

- Introductions, Attendees and Apologies.

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- Terms of Reference – “Scope of Assistive Living”

There was some discussion concerning the scope – generally agreed to be Health and Wellbeing in the home space but also round and about and in care homes. Effectively, from onset of the need for care until end of life management.

From the point of the group it covered both services, systems and equipment and as these were linked into other sector systems these as well.

There were issues around making sure that the data was in a standard format which was clarified in discussion as at minimum requiring semantic interoperability. Other important features mentioned were access control, security, privacy, trust, safety and overall performance requirements (effectively a QoS)

There was the objective of helping people to feel good, to communicate and it was noted that the main killers were loneliness (which led to depression and dementia) and pain.

Paul Thomas (Microsoft) mentioned the Hopes project which aimed to show how the elderly could benefit from such tools as Facebook.

George MacGinnis (PA Consulting) noted that in Continua they had identified separate applications but with interoperability.

Charles Henderson (TSA) noted that the hub must be capable of being remotely upgraded so it can support various and multiple sensors as they become available so it could avoid the need for unnecessary change outs and still meet perceived future needs.

- Smart Metering – Update from ERA – Energy Suppliers

Viktorija Namavira from ERA provided a quick round up of the activities in smart metering. The consultation had now closed and the Government was expected to produce a new document of its recommendations in January together with the output from the many groups put together to define various elements of the smart metering roll out. It would define the HAN and WAN and specify interoperability.

She noted that there was a forthcoming ERA workshop on the HAN.

- it was noted that for gas meters, providing cut off valves was not cost effective.
- there would be an installation code of practice
- the consumer protection lobby had ensured that fitters could not act as sales people while fitting smart meters
- Issues of data storage (how much and how long) were being addressed
- In Home Displays and their ownership was being covered
- Consumer protection pack would be issued with the Smart Meters.

The DCC would be specifying the WAN and the HAN for Smart Metering.

- Standards made easy – presentation from Malcolm Clarke – Brunel University

There was some discussion on general standards before MC arrived and concerning the work of IEC TC79 which had developed interoperability guidelines. SP to copy documentation to ALWG Members. (Please can I have the links: Charles Henderson?) Also the Smart Hub and the P 11073 Series.

Malcolm gave a short presentation of the work of standardisation around the IEEE 11073 Standards for Telecare and TeleHealth devices and systems. (Slides on TAHI Website – *or will be*).

- ALIP2 - presentation from Paul Thomas – MS & Simon Bramwell – Telemedic Systems

Paul and Simon gave a quick presentation on the ALIP projects – ALIP 1 the home health hub, now nearly complete (*Noted comment on Towards Life Home 21 with Design Guide and Infrastructure Guide – Link to be sent to SP for notes on meeting*); ALIP 2 Cloud Services in AL being a short proof of concept project using US version of Healthcare Vault MS™ and POC2 being normal lives monitoring, Looking at carer as well as the patient using a shared calendar and communicating through mobile phone, ALIP 3 yet to get funded and under way but looking at new markets for AL, Ecosystems and trusted services. (Slides will be placed on TAHI Website)

- Newham experiences – Video – Richard Stubbs

Richard gave a short video showing the beneficial effects of AL on people in London Borough of Newham. (available from RS)

- Review of EU AAL Projects – Charles Lowe

Charles Lowe gave a quick (anonymised) review of the various projects done for EU Commission. The full document is due to be published shortly

- The POP Project – (EU FP7 AAL – current call) – Stephen Pattenden

Stephen Pattenden gave a short presentation around a project currently being put together – Aims are to get people using systems that can be used for AL BEFORE they are made necessary by events.

- Latest on Changes to NHS/DH/GPs and AL – Mike Clark.

Mike gave a 10 minute round up of the many things being changed in the DH/NHS area. Much of the information is available through www.wsdactionnetwork.org.uk

DH aims to get GP Commissioning completed by 2020 aiming to save £ 1 Billion (per annum?)

Telecare likely to contribute £250Million (per annum?) Thought that Andrew Lansley and Paul Burstow very keen on AL

Local Authorities grant settlement likely to be 28% down (and front loaded) therefore cutting large numbers of people and services. Services being outsourced

There will be Social Care practices (with GPs) – mixed services and home care.

Aiming for 100% personal budgets (currently only 13%)

Some interim support up to March (£70Million) to cover or avoid the re-admission issue.

Many Telecare and Telehealth champions have been displaced possibly leading to closure of projects relying on such championship.

Pathfinder GP Consortia to be announced the following day – worth seeing where they are and what sizes. Likely to attract vendors.

Not known how many GP Consortia there will be (bottom up creation)

152 Commissioners for Health Services made up of Acute Trusts, Mental Health Trusts, Social Enterprises, Community foundation trusts

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Public Health White paper due shortly – giving Local Authorities a Public Health role.

Consultations from DH.

Concept of personal Health Budget being used to buy services from “Any willing provider” which will be entered into Local Directories. For this there will be all sorts of bundles

The framework for all of this to be published shortly.

Stephen Dorrell is scrutinising the GP Consortia system.

It was noted that as all this happened there will be an “interregnum” as we move from the current system to GP Consortia and some question as to how things will be funded in the short term. “It appeared to be a recipe for total disaster”. A view that BMA have also stated (apparently).

- Informational role for the group. Promotion of AL

This item is placed here to make sure the group is useful although it was noted there are no funds for dissemination although we could run a seminar or conference

- The organisation of the group and meetings and seminars. SP / CL

As above

- TAHI Membership – SP

SP noted that TAHI is an organisation that receives no funds from Government (although the use of Government premises is gratefully acknowledged) and is funded solely by the subscriptions of its membership. It would not be possible to hold open meetings for long since there is a cost to TAHI in preparing for and managing the meetings. Therefore, it is hoped that all present would be prepared to join TAHI if they were not already members.

There was a round table discussion about whether the attendees would be keen to continue with the group and whether they would become TAHI Members.

The result of this was that everyone present wanted the group to continue, but some (such as PA where the activity is peripheral) had doubts whether they could become TAHI Members.

- Closed at around 17.00

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Terms of Reference

Mission

To demonstrate the benefits of interoperability for Assistive Living by bringing together participants in all aspects with those in other Market sectors to drive forward implementations of Assistive Living activities in the UK and promote mutual understanding.

Aims

- To identify areas for mutually informative projects that deliver holistic local projects, including collaboration with major national and commercial projects,
- To hold multidisciplinary forums and meetings concerned with ensuring the interaction between sectors is understood and developing use cases for IWG and projects,
- To promote interoperability of systems in health and social care and between these and other sectors, based on the IFRS,
- To seek new members from the sector and increase the breadth of TAHI influence,
- To work closely with DH and BIS (DECC and DCLG) to promote understanding of the benefits of interoperability into Government and further Government objectives,
- To work with TAN, TSB, TSA and ALIP in order to identify opportunities for TAHI Members.

Structure

- The Chairman.
- The Secretary
- Membership will be drawn from the Health Sector and all other relevant sectors covered by TAHI

Meetings

The ALG will kick off with an Open Meeting (in Kingsgate House, Victoria St.) in October 2010 for all interested parties in the AL sector.

This will be followed by Assisted Living Group meetings on a regular basis – following the initial two such meetings, attendees will be expected to become TAHI members. Note that DH and BIS are already TAHI members.

Deliverables

- Set of Use Cases for IWG consistent with IFRS and IEEE 11073-x-x
- Cross silo understanding in the area of the Smart Home.
- Promotion? (If so what and how to be funded – role of group).