

Specialist telecare services: dementia and learning disabilities

A course for service providers

University of York, Thursday, June 10, 2010

This course will enable telecare service providers to devise new services for people suffering from a range of cognitive or intellectual impairments. Following the publication of a Dementia Strategy for England earlier this year, and a new focus on the care of vulnerable groups such as those who have learning disabilities, it is generally recognised that new initiatives are necessary to support independence in the community. It is likely that telecare services and Assistive Technologies (AT) will play a pivotal role in improving the choices available to these groups whilst helping to control overall spending.

This course has been designed for service development and strategy managers, operational staff and others with responsibility for service delivery and the support in the community of people suffering from a range of cognitive or intellectual impairments. It will be of relevance to primary care organisations, mental health trusts, social enterprises, RSLs, the voluntary sector and any others interested in the role of technology in supporting a modernisation agenda for social care, housing and well-being. The course will provide examples of best practice as well as offer ideas on new ways of empowering people to self-help whilst giving an insight into the issues surrounding service specification and commissioning.

The course will be led by Kevin Doughty and Andrew Monk of the Centre for Usable Home Technology at the University of York, with the help of external speakers. It will be limited to 12 places. The course will consist of short talks, exercises and discussions.

Programme:

9.30	Registration
9.45	Introductions
10.00	The retail model: supporting carers of people with dementia and LD (Kevin Doughty)
10.45	Coffee
11.00	Mental capacity and personal choice - a discussion (Andrew Monk)
11.45	AT and Telecare: giving people with learning disabilities more independence (Jon Wilkie, AT Lead for Learning Disabilities, East Cheshire)
12.30	Lunch
1.30	Demonstration of future home technology in the Responsive Home
2.45	Tea
3.00	Making it happen, stakeholders and funding models for LD and dementia (Kevin Doughty)
3.45	Solve my problem - round table discussion
4.00	Course ends

Note: We are also running a course which compliments this one entitled "Personalised budgets and telecare" on June 9. A special rate is available for people wishing to attend both courses.

For further details about the courses or to make a booking, please contact:

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