

# Bexley - Assistive Technology:

# What is Assistive Technology/Telecare?

Assistive Technology also known as Telecare refers to monitoring systems installed in the person's home to monitor their safety and maximise independence in a non intrusive way.

Assistive technology is a range of electronic aids that can help someone live independently but can also alert a carer if there is a problem. Some of the technology can enable a person in need of care and support to feel more confident being by themselves – and/or give the carer a break from the monitoring role.

# If Assistive technology is required what should you do?

- ▶ Identify what domains of the Care Act 'AT' will assist with in your Care Act Assessment
- ▶ Discussions with AT coordinator if assistance required in sourcing appropriate AT equipment and possible funding streams.
- ▶ Complete Assistive Technology Assessment on Liquid Logic
  - Go to Case on Liquid Logic
  - Press 'start new assessment'
  - Chose Assistive Technology Assessment
  - Complete Assessment
  - Finalise Assessment
  - Send to relevant person to authorise your assessment.
  - Email assessment in PDF to PPP Chichester email address.

# Costs for Assistive Technology

- ▶ The equipment is free and the charge is for monitoring element.
- ▶ The monitoring service is 'means tested'
- ▶ Financial assessment forms to be completed for Bexley to subsidise it for them if they meet the financial criteria.
- ▶ Two service level agreements;
- ▶ Silver and Gold
- ▶ Silver - when family and friends respond
- ▶ Gold - when St John Ambulance sends out a responder.
- ▶ Stand Alone - when the family monitors using a pager provided

# Equipment list on Liquid Logic/ Market Place solutions

- ▶ The equipment list on the Liquid Logic AT assessment form is very limited and basic.
- ▶ Hence the reason for this event to make people aware of what is available in this space.
- ▶ You will find there are a few solutions on the market where also the family could access the products online.
- ▶ Staff could now discuss the solutions with families as we know some families are happy to source the products online for their loved ones.

# Ways of accessing one-off solutions at the front door:

- ▶ Direct Payments; We can explore ways of purchasing some products as a one-off using DP if the person meets the criteria.
- ▶ We are trying to formulate processes for these funding pathways but for now if you do have a good AT/Care Act assessment; please come and discuss with me and I can help you to navigate the system to look for a suitable AT solution.
- ▶ There are other funding opportunities available and we will work together to identify this; if the equipment is deemed to reduce risks for the person to remain home independently.
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# Any questions; My contacts

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