

Working together to enhance health in care homes

Vanguard awarded £500,000 to progress in 2016/17

AIREDALE and Partners has been awarded £500,000 to accelerate the progress being made by our vanguard programme over the next 12 months. The money has come from NHS England's "Transformation Fund" rather than the central New Models of Care budget – which places increased importance on our ability to demonstrate the full potential of telemedicine and its effectiveness.

Following the announcement of funding for the current year, the key focus for us will be on effective measurement. It is vital we make every pound of this investment go as far as possible to ensure our telemedicine service can unequivocally demonstrate the value it brings to the local health and social care economy before the next planning round.



The work plans for the further development of our Enhanced Health Care and Training and Development work streams will be reviewed to ensure we can quantify, through access to timely data, the shift in activity across our cohort of care home residents, including:

- Reduction in unnecessary ED attends
- Reduction in avoidable NEL admissions
- Reduction in inappropriate or unnecessary GP call outs in-hours to care homes
- Reduction in inappropriate or unnecessary GP call outs out-of-hours to care homes
- Reduction in blue light transfers
- Reduction in DN and community nursing team visits

We are in discussions with EMBED to ensure access to data; the development of appropriate dashboards; and monthly reports that will reflect activity shift across all 4 CCGs.

These will be used for the monitoring and performance management of the vanguard and will be shared with the Programme Advisory Group.



A qualitative evaluation will ensure that feedback from care home residents and staff is also captured.

Nationally, this will pave the way for our programme to provide evidence for NHS England of the contribution that a telemedicine service can make, as well as information about the replicability of such a service elsewhere.

Locally, reports will be shared with CCGs and providers to help shape future commissioning plans.

To find out more about the allocation for each vanguard, [click here](#). ■