

Telehealth Group Update April 2018

The Telehealth Group has morphed into the **Remote Consultation Development group** with members from working together (3.5), University of Central Lancashire (UCLan), CPFT, IT and management support from NHS England NE.

Remote Consultation using Attend Anywhere.

The first meeting with the leads (clinical and managerial) for the pilots took place last week. One of the Mental Health Consultants fed back that within a few minutes of using remote consultation it felt like a face to face consultation. The Consultant Nurse for cancer is also well on with plans for using remote consultation. Paediatrics is planning a remote consultation clinic with the Paediatric nephrologist (kidney specialist). In the longer term it will also be a very useful tool within the SSPAU (short stay paediatric Unit).

Meetings are planned with Cardiology and Gastroenterology teams in the next couple of weeks. Seascale Surgery has had to put their interest on hold because of capacity issues, links have been made with another interested GP practice. Primary care involvement would be an important element of use for Paediatrics.

GMC/NMC regulations in relation to remote health are being collated as well as patient and clinician feedback.

Unfortunately the business case was delayed going to the STP in March as the management lead was asked to prioritise another business case. The delay has allowed time to explore new links and finalise the outstanding ones.

Networking

Age UK have offered their facilities as a "hub". This would have the advantage of Saturday opening and allow patients to access remote consultation with support. Hopefully Child and Maternity hubs will embrace remote access too. Digital Workington is due to go live imminently. It is important that opportunities for Child health (eg monitoring for children with asthma)

Specific Link to Children's group

Remote consultation will support the Asthma Pathway (e.g. reviews with professional while child still at school) as well as key element of the SSPAU (short stay Paediatric Assessment Unit). Use of the Child health App