

5. TECHNOLOGY ENABLED CARE (TEC) PROGRAMME

The Strategic Planning Group considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Director providing a six monthly progress report on the West Lothian Technology Enabled Care (TEC) Programme.

The report recalled that West Lothian had been awarded funding by the Scottish Government to participate in the 2 year national programme, to build on our original investment in telecare technology and accelerate commitment in line with emerging national and local priorities and technological developments. The TEC programme was firmly located within the overall strategic objectives of the IJB as detailed in the Strategic Plan and associated commissioning plans.

Work was progressing on a number of strands with most projects at the implementation phase. The report then provided a brief summary of each of the 3 main programmes being developed; these being :-

- Expansion of home health monitoring including the use of the Florence App and woundsense machines;
- Expanding the range and extent of Telecare including the testing of activity monitoring equipment, AICO interface with Telecare, wearable technology to monitor emotional state and GPS devices; and
- Expanding the use of video-conferencing between medical/health care staff and their patients.

The group were further advised that the use of technology in healthcare had an important role to play and each strand of the programme followed a rigorous review process with clear outcomes to ensure that any proposals would be fit for purpose.

A discussion ensued with regards to the detail behind some of the programmes noting that a recent demonstration of video conferencing between health care staff and patients had been very well received. It was however noted that in some cases IT equipment in GP offices was somewhat out of date and could prove problematic in supporting new advances in technology such as those detailed in the report.

The group were asked to note the progress on the West Lothian Technology Enabled (TEC) Programme and the contribution this programme was making to the IJB Strategic Plan.

Decision

1. To note the contents of the report; and
2. To note that further updates would be provided to the group as the programmes developed.