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# STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

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# 12 PROFESSIONS

- ◉ Art therapists
- ◉ Dietitians
- ◉ Drama therapists
- ◉ Music therapists
- ◉ Occupational therapists
- ◉ Orthotists
- ◉ Orthoptists
- ◉ Physiotherapists
- ◉ Podiatrists
- ◉ Prosthetists
- ◉ Radiographers –  
diagnostic and therapeutic
- ◉ Speech and language  
therapists

# KEY STRATEGIC DRIVERS

- ◉ Transforming Your Care(2011)
- ◉ Quality 2020 (2011)
- ◉ Making Life Better(2014)
- ◉ AHP Strategy-Improving Health and Well-being through Positive Partnerships(2012-17)
- ◉ e Health and Care Strategy (2015-2020)
- ◉ Donaldson report
- ◉ DHSSPS/DSD Interdepartmental Review of Housing Adaptations

# E HEALTH AND CARE STRATEGY

- ◉ Support changes in how health and care is delivered to meet new challenges
- ◉ Help improve services remotely
- ◉ Improve communications between care professionals with patients clients and their carers
- ◉ Improves access to information
- ◉ Enable better health and well being decisions



# E-HEALTH DEVELOPMENTS

- NI Electronic Care Record
- NI PACS
- Supporting people
- Tele-monitoring technologies
- Telecare
- Using information and data in to informatics
- Electronic assistive technologies



## ITEMS WHICH CAN BE INCORPORATED INTO AN ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL SYSTEM:

- Door release
- Telephone access
- Climate control
- Blind/Window control
- Lighting control
- Bed/chair controls
- Entertainment system control (music, TV, DVD etc.)
- Interfaces with tele-care and telemedicine



*“Assistive Technology will enable the young person to control their own environment - simply turning off their own TV at night from bed when it suits them rather than asking the parent to wait up until the child (who is now an adult) is ready to sleep. This is called choice and control - the true meaning of independence”.*  
*Parents view*

# BENEFITS

- ⦿ Improving clinical information/ management systems
- ⦿ Patient education
- ⦿ Healthy living
- ⦿ Promoting independent living/reducing carer stress.
- ⦿ Preventing disease
- ⦿ monitoring patients
- ⦿ New ways of working-appointment bookings  
remote consultations with GPs /consultants

# CHALLENGES

- ◉ IT skills base
- ◉ Differential access to resources
- ◉ Access to laptops, tablets etc  
(**Western/South Eastern examples**)
- ◉ Differential connectivity in community settings
- ◉ Primary/secondary interfaces (GP)
- ◉ Ensuring Data Protection: Information Commissioners Office.
- ◉ <https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-data-protection/>



# E-HEALTH - CURRENT ACTION AREAS

- ◉ Range of IT systems-waiting list management
- ◉ Paris
- ◉ NI Electronic Care Records
- ◉ Issuing ordering Equipment
- ◉ Wheelchair prescribing
- ◉ Housing adaptations /toolkit recommendations
- ◉ Cross Sector Data Access Agreements
- ◉ e NISAT

# CURRENT EXAMPLES OF AHP NEW ROLES/PATHWAYS IN NORTHERN IRELAND / **LINKS TO E-HEALTH**

- ◉ Independent prescribing for podiatrists and physiotherapists
- ◉ Direct referral to physiotherapy
- ◉ Early discharge models rehab teams rapid response services
- ◉ Reablement
- ◉ Rehabilitation models stroke regional wheelchair service housing review toolkit
- ◉ Use of hand held tablets
- ◉ Standardised documentation
- ◉ Cross sector Partnership working



*‘Intelligence is the ability to adapt and change’*

**-Stephen Hawking**

*Thank you for listening!*