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Welcome to our sixteenth Newsletter.

Upcoming Events

Postponed to Monday 20 January 2020, courtesy of the UK General Election
A Symposium at the House of Lords, London
Big Data - The Gold of the Future!

This event is designed to bring specialists from the key sectors involved to look, along with our audience of policy makers, industry, opinion formers, practitioners and consumers, at the impact and value of big data. [Read more.](#)
Limited invitee places only. PLEASE make speedy contact with [Maggie Ellis](#) for possible places.

EKTG are continuing to work with a range of people to develop knowledge and understanding about Digital Skills and everyday services. **An EKTG 90 minute Webinar** will take place **on Jan 14th, 2020 at 12.00** to debate the topic **'Needs and opportunities for Integrating technology with your services'**.
If you would like to register for this please email [Maggie Ellis](#) for details.

Previous Events

Recent Important Collaborative Event between EKTG and Fairhome.

EKTG are most grateful to Fairhome for generously hosting our eHealth Symposium on November 26th, 2019 when we considered the important topic **From Prophet to Profit - will the digital revolution ever be profitable?**
The papers are available [on our website](#).

[Also available](#) are the papers from our session at the Active Assisted Living (AAL) Forum in September.

The future of infectious diseases in society

Increased longevity should be celebrated as one of society's greatest accomplishments. However, there is still a lot of work to be done to adapt to the new profile of our ageing society if we are to maximise the potential benefits of longevity. And health systems have a key role to play in this. [Download this Report from International Longevity Centre UK.](#)

Support for disabled candidates seeking elected office

Disabled people are likely to face greater costs when seeking elected office due to their disability. The UK Government provides support to help them to compete on a level playing field with all other candidates. [Read more.](#)

Introducing the Computer Assisted Rehabilitation Environment – CAREN

This system offers children, young people and adults with neurological injury or condition a specialist treatment using the Computer Assisted Rehabilitation Environment. It is versatile multisensory virtual reality system for treatment and rehabilitation of human locomotion, back pain, posture, balance, spinal stability and motor control integration. The virtual reality system puts patients at the helm of life-size "real life" activities, forcing them to use atrophied muscles and teaching the basic skills necessary to rewire connections to the brain. Referral can be made via the website at www.basiccharity.org.uk. The treatment centre is based in the North West of England.

Welsh disability benefit denial court appeals against UK government win four in five times

Charities commented by saying the benefit assessments were carried out with 'poor decision-making' and 'obvious inaccuracies.' [Read more.](#)

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Think Amazon's NHS deal is bad? Wait until you hear about Google!

Amazon has not been given free rein to take over our data. But the future use of tech in healthcare should concern us all. [Read more.](#)

State of Health in the EU: Companion Report 2019

Europe is a Union of and for citizens. What matters to Europeans matters to the EU. It should come as no surprise that regular surveys and debates across the continent consistently rank health among the top priorities for European citizens. They are right to expect a high level of protection and it is up to all of us - in all the European capitals - to deliver. [Read the report.](#)

US Doctors Give Electronic Health Records an 'F'

The transition to electronic health records (EHRs) was supposed to improve the quality and efficiency of healthcare for doctors and patients alike - but these technologies get an "F" rating for usability from health care professionals, and may be contributing to high rates of professional burnout, according to a new Yale-led study. By contrast, Google's search engine earned an "A" and ATMs a "B" in similar but separate studies. Like EHRs, the spreadsheet software Excel got an "F." [Read more.](#)

Pisa rankings: Why Estonian pupils shine in global tests

Estonian teenagers are among the top performers in the OECD's influential Pisa education rankings. [Read more.](#)

How Estonia became E-stonia

Estonian pupils are taught computer skills from an early age as the internet is seen as symbolic of political independence. [Read more.](#)

Blue Badge parking in Europe

Can disabled people with Blue Badge parking permits continue to park with confidence in Europe? This is a question that is worrying many, as new Blue Badges are now being issued without the gold EU stars. [Read more.](#)

The importance of providing assistive products through appropriate services.

A WHO film shows the importance of providing assistive products through a trained service provider and including 4 important steps : select, fit, use and follow-up. [View the film here.](#)

Data Protection

As a result of the EU GDPR, major changes have taken place to UK law relating to data privacy and protection which includes personal information ("data") which we keep about you.

We have produced a Privacy Notice which deals with:-

- What is Lawful Processing
- What data does the Group acquire and keep about you
- Where does the Group get the data from and how is the data stored
- Does the Group transfer your data elsewhere
- How long does the Group retain your data
- Your rights

You can [download a copy](#) or read it on [our website](#).

The Spring EKTG Newsletter will include similar material. If you would like to suggest

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If you want to know more about us you can download a document that outlines the [background and history of EKTG](#).

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