

Assistive Technology Pilot - GP Practice Briefing

What is it?

Ipswich and East Suffolk CCG (IESCCG) are working in partnership with Suffolk Careline on a 6 month pilot to offer patients an Assistive Technology package to patients over 65 years registered with one of our member practices.

A **13 week funded** Monitoring and Response Telecare Package is available to any patients over 65 who have fallen 3 times or more in the last 12 months or who are at risk of falling.

The project forms part of the overall Admission Prevention Programme which aims to achieve a 15% reduction in A&E attendances and non-elective admissions over 2 years equating to £7.2 million across the CCG

How does it work?

The objectives of the pilot are as follows:

- To provide a 24/7 trained responder team to act as a preventable measure by alerting the health sector that a minor fall has occurred and where possible prevent an inappropriate admission to hospital following assessment.
- To enable patients to be assessed closer to home, in a timely period by their GP or Health Care Professional.
- To enable patients to remain in their own home and reduce length of stay in hospital

How do practices refer?

Practices are able to refer patients directly to Suffolk Careline for this Service. Patients who are eligible for this service are likely to come from the following sources:

- Practice MDT meetings
- Patients from your 2% vulnerable patients under the Proactive Care Programme DES
- Patients who are aged 75 and over
- Housebound patients

Suffolk Careline welcomes patient referrals by phone and you will need to have the information detailed on the attached referral form in order to proceed

Please call **0845 600 7724** to make your referrals.

Who to contact:

If you have any queries in relation to the pathway, please contact lorraine.parr@ipswichandeastsuffolkccg.nhs.uk.