Scottish Care

Care Technologist Role

Briefing Note

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Descriptor

Scottish Care are developing and managing a Technology Enabled Care Programme funded test of a role exploring how technology can be used to support people within the care sector and the evolution of caring roles to exploit technology in order to improve outcomes for the people receiving care, to understand the types of role which may be required in the sector in the future and to develop roles which will encourage people to work and have their career within the care sector.

Although this is at quite an early stage, the work has uncovered both challenges and opportunities working with SRS as the delivery partner.

Features

- Understanding the need for new types of roles within the care sector for a "future workforce"
- Exploring the impacts of meaningful use of technology in the use of care as part of the provision for customers

Benefits

- A greater understanding of the needs of citizens, staff and organisations in order to successfully develop the appropriate use of technology in the care sector
- Integrating the discussion about using technology as a central part of the initial assessment for someone's care needs

Impact

- As the understanding of the role and its place within the structure of care organisations there will be new pathways allowing providers to diversify the care workforce, attracting a robust workforce
- New models of care may emerge where technology enhances outcomes for individuals

Considerations

- In order to avoid duplication of effort, find out what else is happening in the field, join networks and speak to colleagues who are working towards shared aims.
- Ensure that the focus continues to be on the person and their outcomes, with the technology as a vehicle to being able to deliver an excellent standard of care.

Potential Costs

- Approximately £50,000 per annum per post, including on costs