



# Improving Outcomes, Enhancing Care: Assistive Technologies and the case for a Sector Deal for the Learning Disability Sector

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# Hft and Personalised Technology



Hft's dedicated team of **Personalised Technology experts** implement Personalised Technology solutions to improve quality of life outcomes for people supported by Hft



## The outcomes technology can deliver

- Independence
- Health and wellbeing
- Dignity and privacy
- Choice and control
- Risk safety management
- Increased communication
- Enjoyment and sensory relaxation
- Opportunity and empowerment
- Increased efficiencies – more meaningful / flexible support

**“Technology to support not  
undermine humanity”**

# Lizzy's story



# What needs to change?

- Upskilling the work force
- Interoperability
  - improve information sharing
  - systems integration
- Universal design
- Increased choice for people

## The story so far



- Launched at House of Lords – 15 July 2019
- Also launched the Hft virtual smarthouse
- 27 organisations backing the sector deal

### Next steps:

- Continue to raise awareness of the sector deal and establish working group by the end of 2019

Find out more at [hft.org.uk/LDSectorDeal](https://hft.org.uk/LDSectorDeal)

# Why is Tunstall supporting the case for a Sector Deal?

- **The potential of technology to support people with learning disabilities is not being realised**
- **Including technology in services can make innovative models of care more viable**
- **Effective investment could transform the way support is delivered to people with learning disabilities and increase their independence, ultimately freeing up staff to focus on more meaningful support**
- **A learning disability sector deal will stimulate investment and innovation and ultimately deliver improved outcomes for people supported by the sector**



## Emma's Story: Increasing Privacy



- Emma is 69, severe learning disabilities, Crohn's disease. Episodes of hyper-mania, night time activity, can be awake 24-36 hours. Regular night checks by staff often woke her, affecting her mental health. Emma sleeps in different parts of her bed - bed occupancy sensor not viable.
- Bed level PIR fitted in Emma's room, alerts staff if she leaves her bed. Override switch enables the PIR to be turned off when Emma is awake.
- Emma is no longer woken up by care staff checking on her wellbeing. She seems much more content. Emma enjoys company and because telecare has freed staff time, she is able to enjoy more one-to-one social interaction, improving her quality of life.



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## **Purpose (draft)**

**”Working with both health and social care in gaining funding to shape and deliver a new model of care to improve health and QoL outcomes, making services more sustainable and ensuring that any efficiencies are reinvested in the LD sector, whilst supporting further innovation in technologies.”**

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