

Committee to consider applications to undertake certain duties by Members and foreign travel by Officers

10:15*	Tuesday, 22 March 2016	Committee Room 1, County Hall, Chelmsford, Essex
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Quorum: 3

Membership:

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D Finch
M Mackrory
D Madden
S Walsh

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Part 1

(During consideration of these items the meeting is likely to be open to the press and public)

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7 Urgent Business To consider any matter which in the opinion of the Chairman should be considered in public by reason of special circumstances (to be specified) as a matter of urgency.	

Exempt Items

(During consideration of these items the meeting is not likely to be open to the press and public)

To consider whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during consideration of an agenda item on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as specified in Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 or it being confidential for the purposes of Section 100A(2) of that Act.

In each case, Members are asked to decide whether, in all the circumstances, the public interest in maintaining the exemption (and discussing the matter in private) outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

8 Urgent Exempt Business

To consider in private any other matter which in the opinion of the Chairman should be considered by reason of special circumstances (to be specified) as a matter of urgency.

Minutes of a Meeting of the Committee to consider applications to undertake certain duties by Members and foreign travel by Officers held at County Hall, Chelmsford, at 10.35 am, Tuesday 16 February 2016

Present:

Councillor

David	Finch	Chairman
Michael	Danvers	
Mike	Mackrory	
Dick	Madden	
Simon	Walsh	

1. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 October 2015 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Approval for one officer to attend the International Forum on Quality and Safety in Health Care – Conderence in Sweden

The Committee considered report FTC/01/16 by the Secretary to the Committee, for Lesley Cruickshank, Quality Innovation Manager, to travel to Gothenburg, Sweden, to attend the International Forum on Quality and Safety in Health Care Conference from 12-15 April 2016 .

It was noted the cost of the visit is fully funded by the Health Foundation Grant

Resolved

That approval be given for Lesley Cruickshank, Quality Innovation Manager, to travel to Gothenburg, Sweden, to attend the International Forum on quality and Safety in Health Care Conference from 12-15 April 2016

5. Approval for Member Foreign Travel to Brussels

The Committee considered report FTC/02/16 by the Secretary to the Committee requesting Members note the self-funded foreign travel to Brussels by Cllr Kevin Bentley on 15 and 16 March 2016.

Resolved

That foreign travel by Cllr Kevin Bentley to the East of England European Partnership Office in Brussels on 15 and 16 March 2016, at no cost to Essex County Council, be noted.

6. Date of Next Meeting

The Committee noted that the next meeting would take place on Tuesday 22 March 2016 at 10.15 or on the rising of the Cabinet meeting to be held that same morning, whichever was the later.

The meeting closed at 10.37

Committee to consider applications to undertake certain duties by Members and Foreign Travel by Officers	FTC/03/16
Date: 22 March 2016	
Approval for Officer travel to Barcelona	
Report by: Committee Officer	
Enquiries to: Jennifer Reid, 03330 131332	

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To consider an application (attached to this report) for three officers to travel to Barcelona, Spain, to visit Barcelona Council from 2-3 April 2016 at an estimated total cost of £744.
- 1.2 Alex Laidler, Director for Local Delivery West, Adult Operations, will be attending the meeting to answer Members' questions.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That approval be given/not given for three officers to travel to Barcelona, Spain, to visit Barcelona Council from 2-3 April 2016 at an estimated total cost of £744.

3. Background and proposal

- 3.1 The attached application has been received regarding proposed foreign travel for three officers to travel to Barcelona, Spain, to visit Barcelona Council from 2-3 April 2016 at an estimated total cost of £744.
- 3.2 The purpose of the trip is to visit a council in Barcelona that has implemented an electronic care and support system that enables health, housing and social care providers to oversee a new model of assistive technology and monitoring to support people to live safely and independently. The visit will allow consideration of how this might become one of the strands to deliver 2021 in Essex.
- 3.3 The visit has been approved by Helen Lincoln, Executive Director for People Operations.

Form 2 - Foreign travel and associated expenditure approval (occasional travel)

For use by teams not listed in Guide 1 – and therefore without prior agreement of the need for overseas travel. For more guidance, see the Foreign travel, gifts and hospitality policy.

Employees planning to travel:

Employee name(s):	Job title(s):
Alex Laidler	Director Local Delivery West Adult Operations
Claire Shuter	2021 Transformation Programme Sponsor
Louise Hall	Head of Commissioning, West Essex

Purpose/reason justifying the visit:

Details:

The reason is to visit a Council in Barcelona that has implemented an electronic care and support system that enables health, housing and social care providers to oversee a new model of assistive technology and monitoring to support people to live safely and independently. The model has the potential to enable the change in culture and practice that ECC are making through the Good Lives programme, at scale, and with a common approach across the localities linked to neighbourhood teams.

Birmingham and Lancashire County Councils are currently implementing this model – Connected Care, to support their transformation, savings and integration programmes.

Anticipated value / benefit to ECC / Essex:

Details:



Tunstall Service
Model Overview.pdf

The overview document attached describes how the model has been implemented in Barcelona, to enable them to deliver their strategy to care for people closer to home reducing demand for expensive institutionalised care in hospitals and care homes. Slide 11 summarises how Barcelona have seen a very high return on their investment, saving money on care via spending money on this infrastructure to support connected care around residents and families. ECC currently has

varying arrangements in the localities with district councils and health providers, to implement telehealth and telecare – the model would enable the council to embed a consistent approach providing opportunity to rationalise and make savings through efficiencies, but still enabling local neighbourhood teams to ensure housing, health and care services to offer proactive and integrated support proportionate to people's needs and risks. Visiting the service will also allow us to learn more about how Birmingham and Lancashire County Councils are implementing this as part of their transformation and savings plans and consider how this might become one of the strands to deliver 2021 in ECC

Details of visit – dates, itinerary, people/organisations to be visited:

Include also potential engagements –state not yet finalised where this is the case.

Details:

Leaving date: Sunday 3rd April 6pm – Stansted to Barcelona – with Ryan Air

Return date: Monday 4th April 6pm – Barcelona to Stansted - with Ryan Air

The hotel is Hotel Praktik Bakery, Carrer de Provença 279, 08037 Barcelona:

<http://www.hotelpraktikbakery.com> plus transfer.

Meeting Katy Lethbridge, Regional Account Director and her colleagues in Barcelona with Council and other commissioning/ provider officials in Barcelona.

Estimated costs:

Refer to policy for key areas, eg travel, accommodation, hospitality, gifts if required, and so on. Add information needed to give a clear understanding of the visit and likely expenditure.

Item:	Notes:	Cost estimate:
Travel	Return flights from Stansted – Barcelona with Ryan Air	£130.00pp
Accommodation	Praktik Bakery, Carrer de Provenca 279, Barcelona.	£108.00pp
Transfer	From and to Airport in Spain	£10.00pp
	TOTAL x 3 people:	£744.00

Authorised by:

Executive Director:

Name	Signature	Date
Helen Lincoln		8/3/16

Comments:

The Executive Director will copy this form to each employee approved to travel. The Executive Director will also retain a copy and forward the original to the Executive Director for Corporate and Customer Services. Prior approval of travel plans and budget is also required by the relevant Committee – follow the Foreign travel, gifts and hospitality policy.

Connected Health & Care

Greater Autonomy for Individuals



Tunstall's strengths in the market

Domain knowledge and understanding of our markets

Nearly 60 years of experience delivering health, housing and social care solutions

A global footprint and leadership position in key market

Direct operations in six regions, with market leadership positions across Europe

Embedded relationships across health and social care

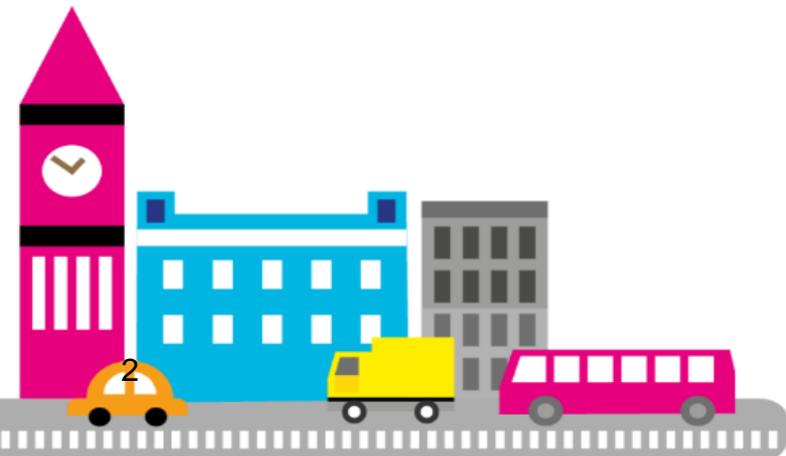
Relationships and partnerships with end users and key stakeholders, giving Tunstall 'access to the home'

Ability to connect stakeholders in multiple environments

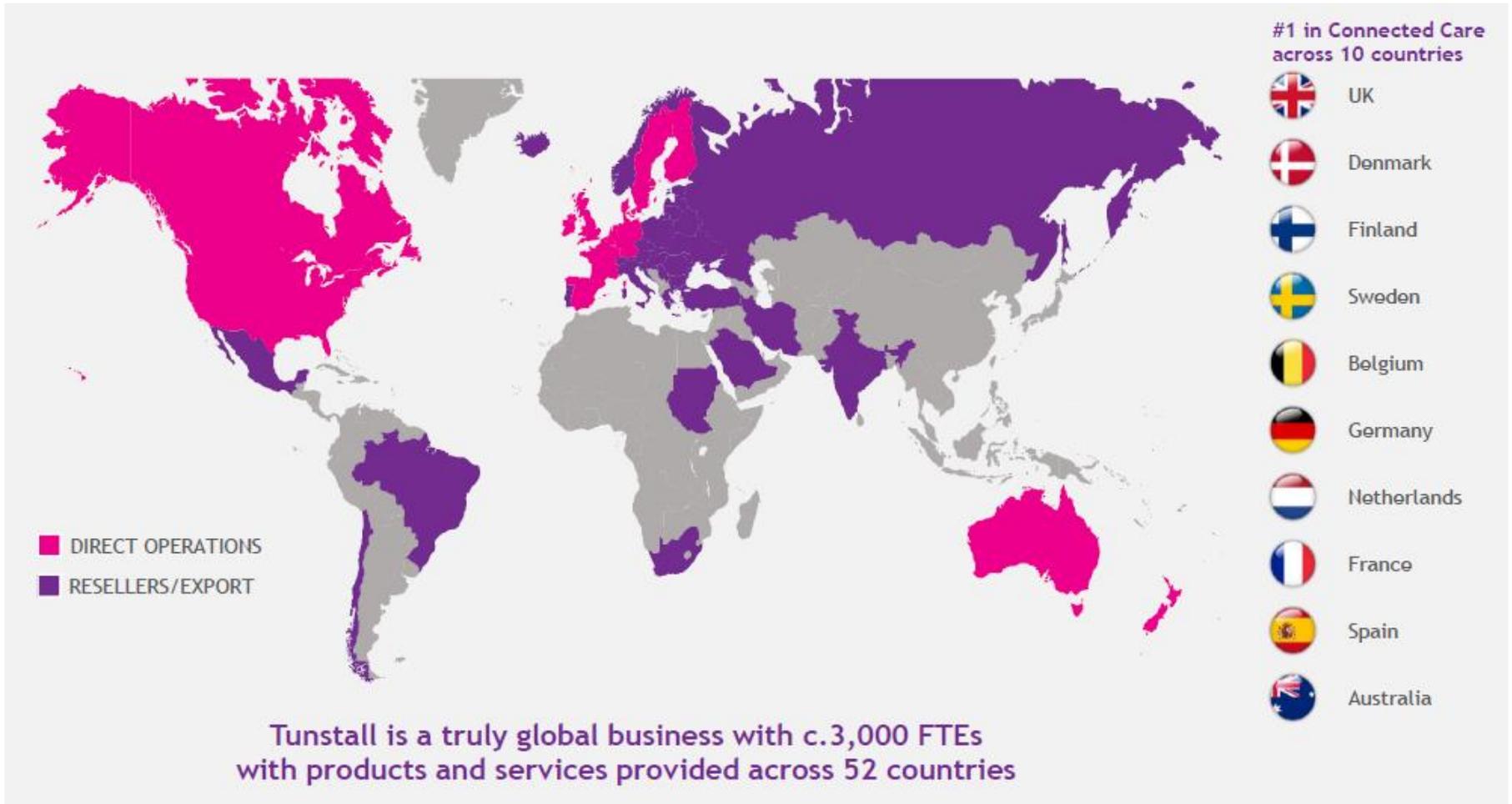
Expertise in IP and mobile solutions, integrated into a variety of care and health settings, enabling interactions across these environments

Experience in providing high touch, value adding services

Solutions adapted to user needs providing high touch, high quality services, supporting the 'connected person'



Tunstall has a leading global footprint



Tunstall Technology Landscape

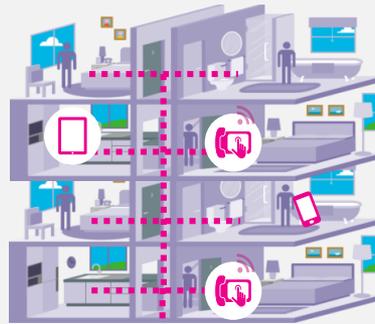
Connected Care

Connected Health

Independent Living



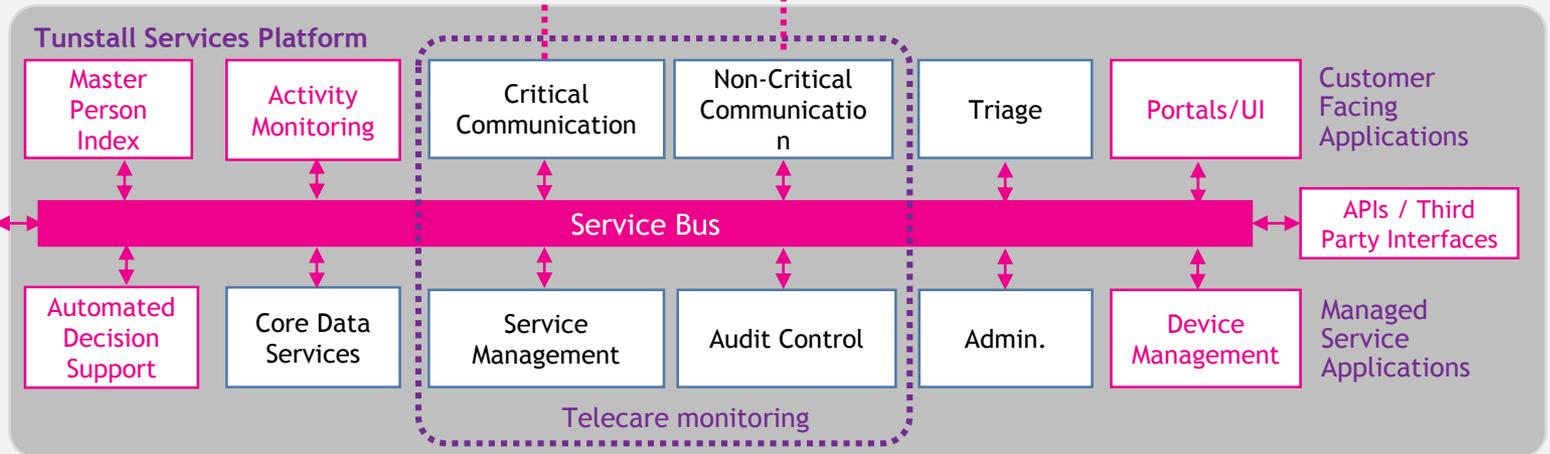
Assisted Living



Remote Patient Monitoring



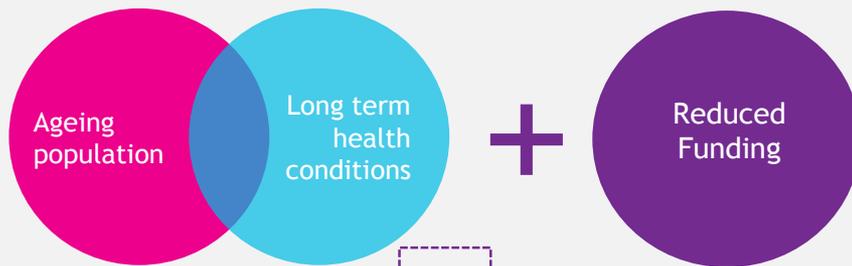
Tunstall cloud-based services



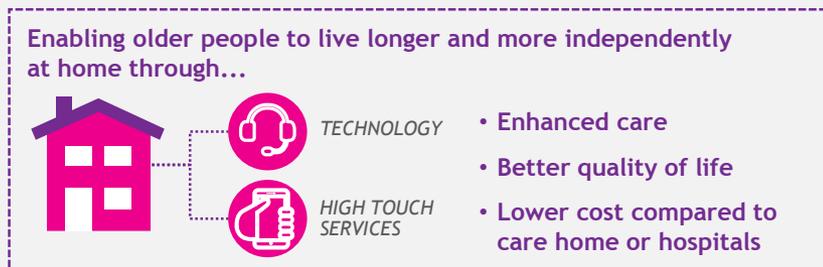
Society is facing increasing health and social care challenges, technology is key to addressing these

CHALLENGES

Globally, society faces a growing challenge of caring for its populations at an affordable cost



Tunstall is helping to address this challenge



TECHNOLOGY-ENABLED SOLUTIONS

Market changes are creating increasing opportunities for technology-enabled care

Growth in IP-connected users, and the emergence of an 'Internet of Things'

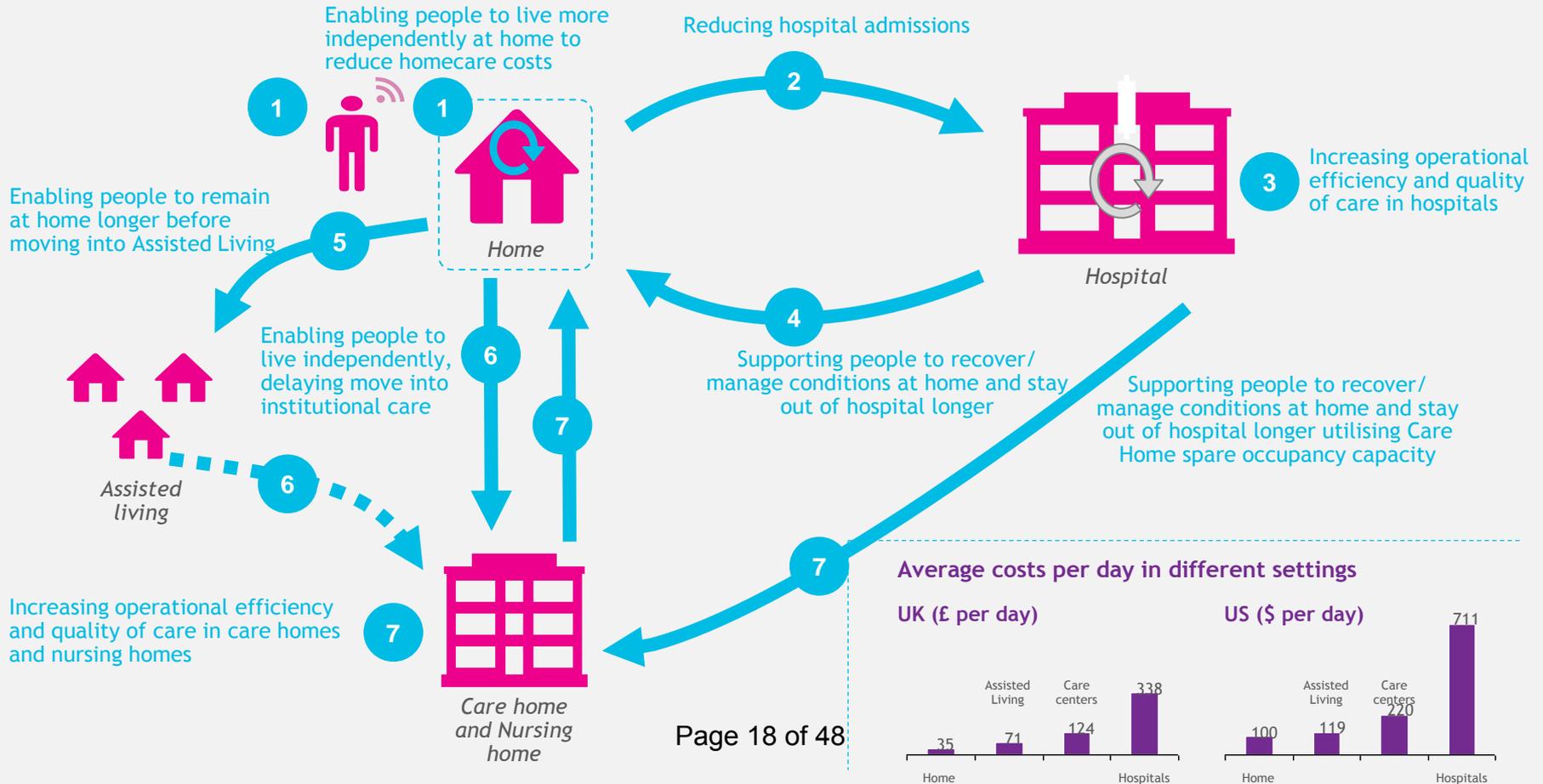
New models of care, driven and supported through Managed Services

Increased provision of Healthcare in the home through Remote Patient Monitoring and Support

New models of care will become the norm, with technology playing a key role as an enabler

Increasing need to keep people at home rather than in more expensive institutional care environments

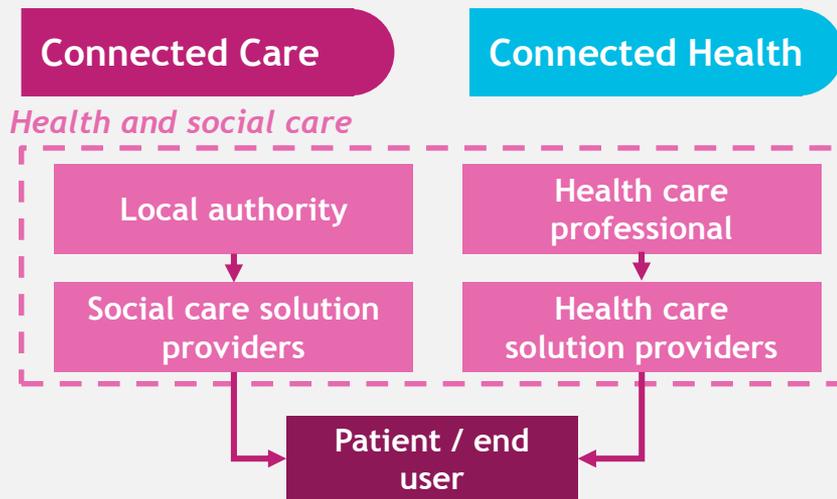
Health and social care priorities



Integration - new models of care

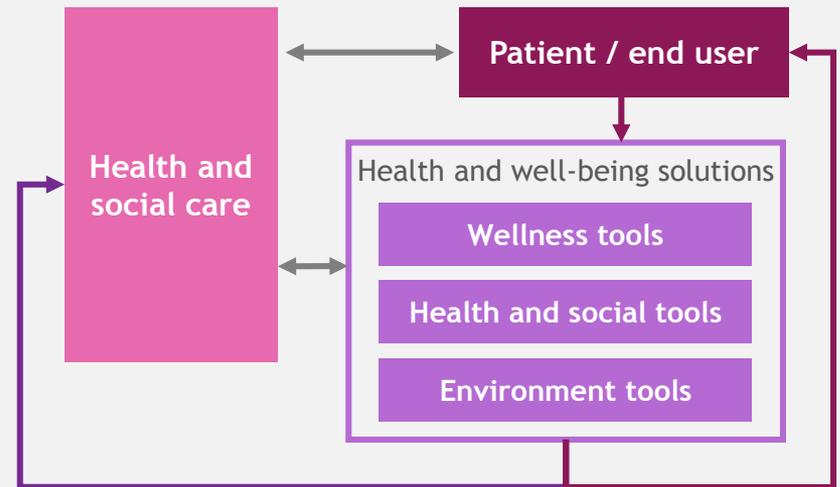
Increased emphasis on integration of health and social care

Model today



- Local authority or municipality acts as the buyer, payer and decision maker for social care solutions
- Health care decisions are made in isolation from social care solutions, and both are delivered separately to end users - through a network of health and care professionals

Future model?

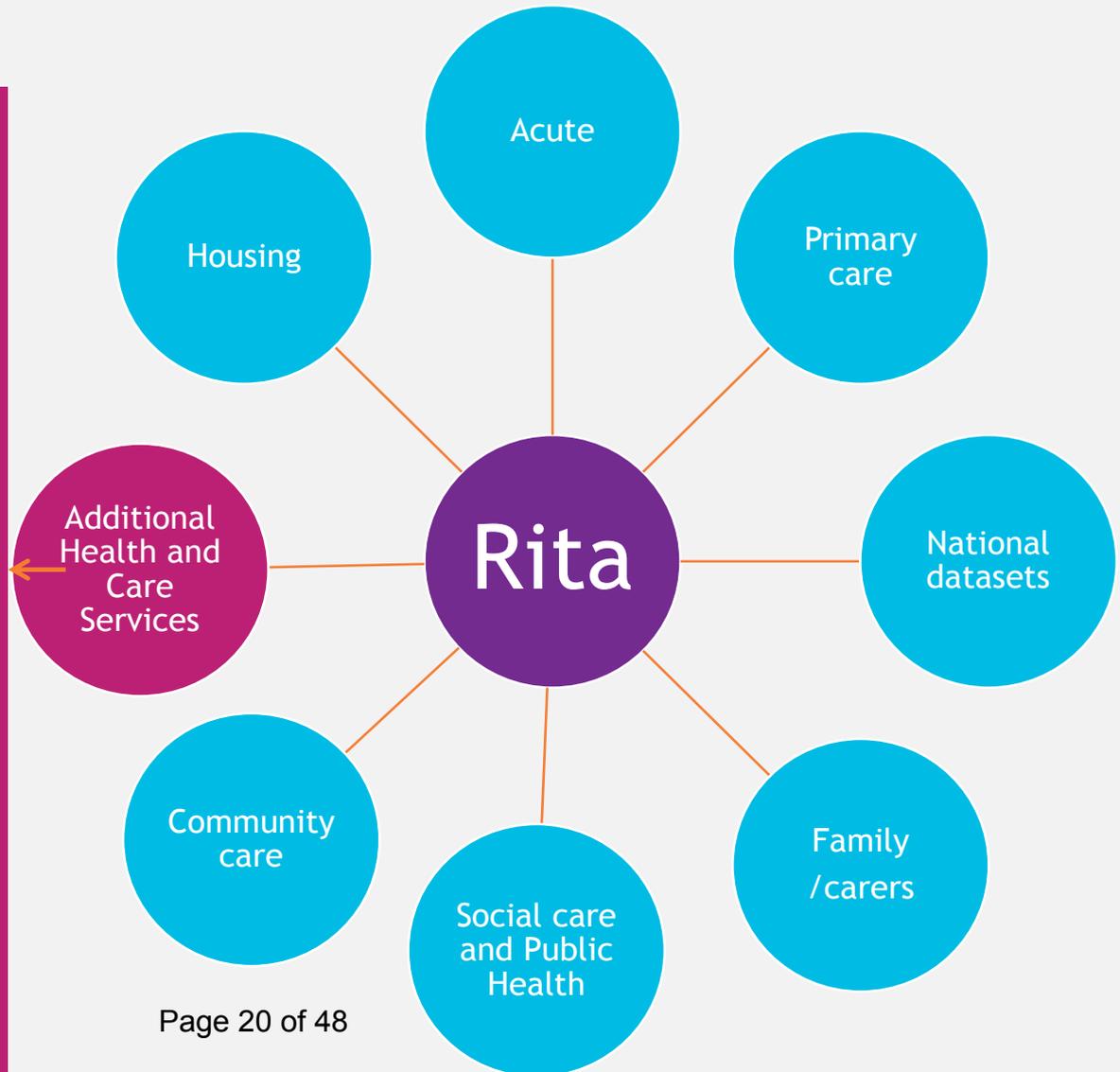


- Greater integration of care providers, with emphasis on holistic care for the individual, and coordination of health and social care and other services
- Greater prevalence of private payers for solutions, as consumers exercise greater choice over the care and support they receive

Connecting the individual and their families will improve outcomes

Connecting the individual leads to improved:

- Health management
- Wellbeing
- Medication support
- Self-care advice
- Prevention
- Social inclusion
- Reassurance
- Confidence
- Clinical and economic outcomes



Spain - The Story



The history of Telecare services in Spain

- In 1994, IMSERSO –an agency of the national government- created a specific program for telecare in Spain (similar to the Technology Grant)
- IMSERSO offered to local administrations (municipalities and provincial councils) to finance up to the 65% of the cost of the telecare service. But, in return, there were some rules:
 - A competitive tender.
 - To meet some quality standards → the Spanish service model was created by these standards.
- Televida was the first company in Spain to manage a telecare service according to this program, in Granada, in 1994.

Key Stats:

3st December 2011

Users

692.462

Coverage index

8,42%

Source: INFORME 2012. Las personas Mayores en España. IMSERSO (Public Administration)

30th April 2014

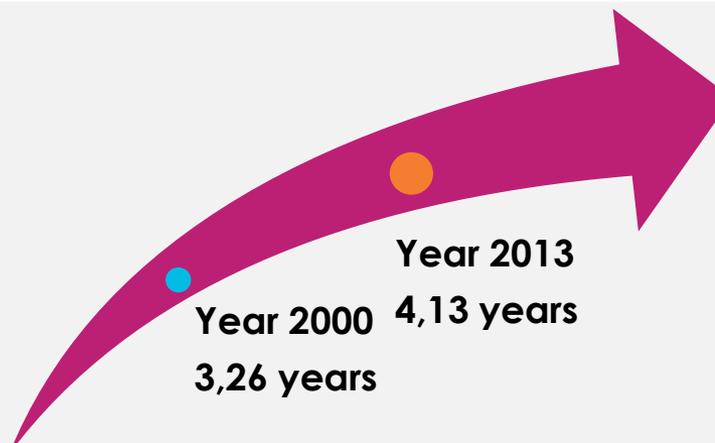
Users

773.190

Coverage index

11,5%

Source: Telecare sector



The figure above shows the average increase in time for a person using the service remaining at home

For every Euro invested there has been a reduction of care cost - Source: Barcelona Provincial Council

Investment

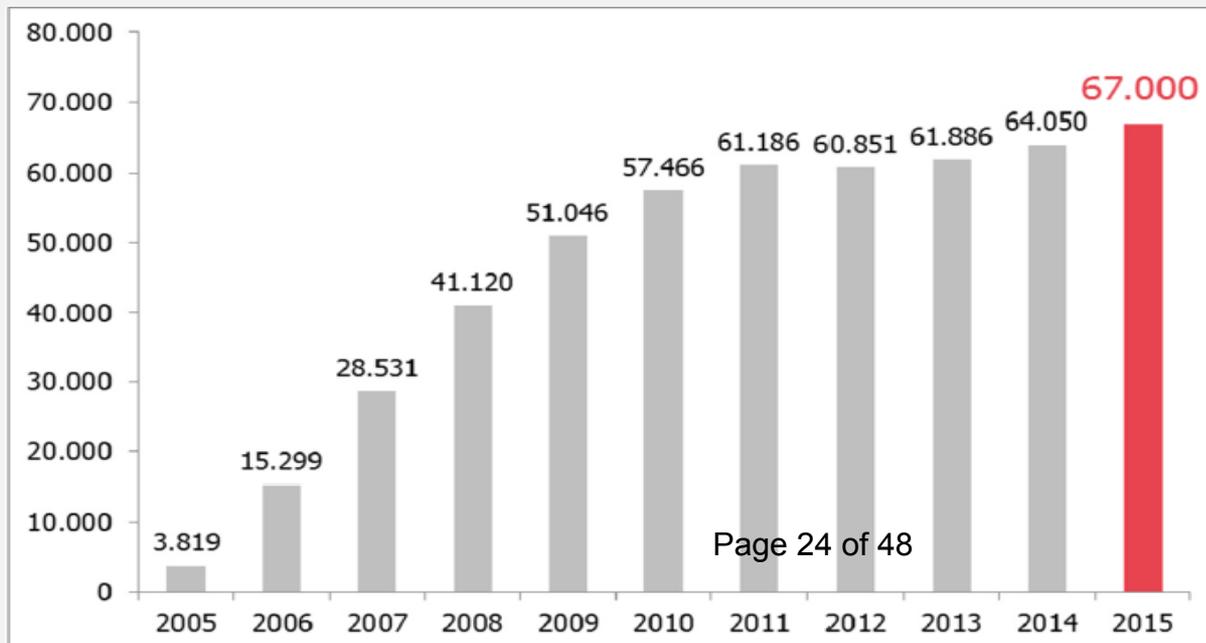
1.00 Euro

Saving

2.46 Euro

The history of Televida and Tunstall Televida

- Televida was created in 1994 to provide a service to the province of Granada. It was the first “IMSERSO model” service.
- The company began work with additional clients in Spain.
- The big leap became in 2005, when Televida won the tender for Barcelona Provincial Council.





5 regional operations and 16 provincial offices in Andalusia, Catalonia, Basque Country, Murcia and Castilla-La Mancha



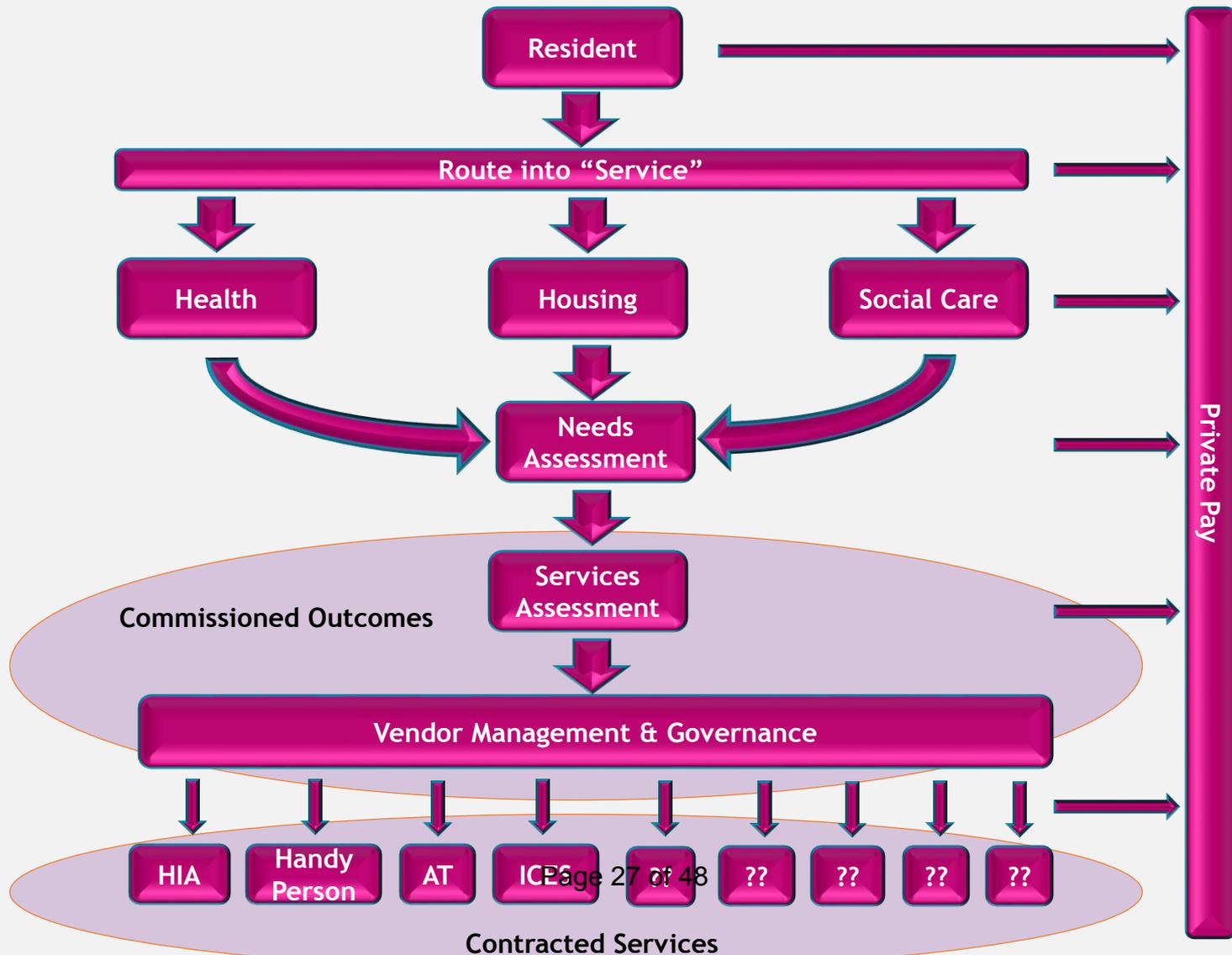
	USERS
Andalusia	234.000
Barcelona Municipality	71.200
Barcelona Region	64.500
Castilla La Mancha	47.200
Basque Country	33.414
Girona Region	8.200
Murcia Region	9.715



Barcelona– Service Model



Service Model



Shift to focus on Proactive ConnectedCare



Enabling Transformation

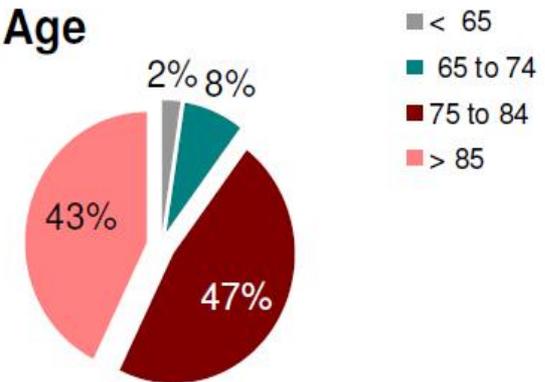
- Supporting people to live autonomously wherever they wish
- Strengthening organisational future operating models and customer journeys
- Identifying need
- Complimenting and replacing traditional methods of care and support
- Reducing hospital admissions
- Slowing progression to increased care services
- Providing support and respite for carers
- Deliver commissioned outcomes
- Co-ordinating and delivering specialist services

Service User Profile:

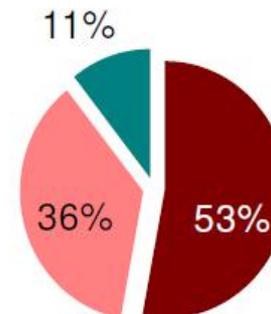
Barcelona:



Age



■ Living alone ■ With another person ■ With two or more



RET Service Model

Exclusive service model

Our model allows us to identify the service for any individual user depending on their profile and needs. In this way we provide strong care for those people in special situations of risk or vulnerability and avoid an excess of care for those who have a good level of autonomy for whom the care must be focused on the prevention and promotion of an active ageing. For this, the model can be set for any individual user:

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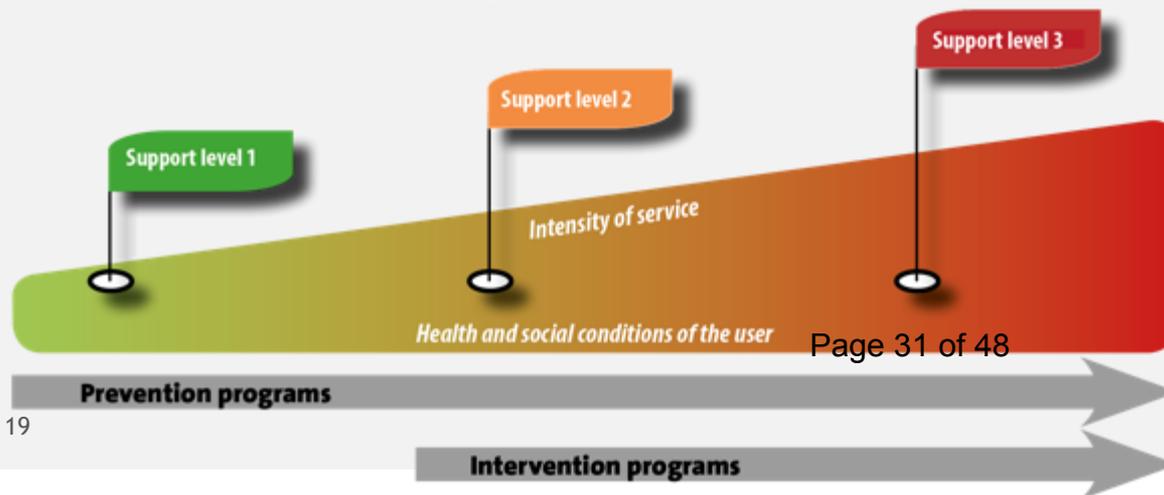
THE LEVEL OF INTENSITY OF CONTACT WITH THE SERVICE THROUGH CALLS, AGENDAS AND/OR VISITS AT HOME

2

THE TECHNOLOGY ASSIGNMENT

3

THE ACCESS TO DIFFERENT INTERVENTION AND/OR PREVENTION PROGRAMMES



What is the Tunstall Televida teleassistance model?

The model is based on a tiered system of needs-based intervention:



Support Centre - Services Provided

Attention from the support centre

- Response in emergency situations
- Special performance at times of extreme temperatures and natural disasters.
- Psychosocial care and companionship.
- Control and monitoring of user status.
- Service schedule: Customised reminders
- Advice and information on social needs, health, food, leisure ...
- Management for receiving other services (food, medicines at home ...).
- Help to perform administrative tasks
- Mobilization of public and private emergency services.
- Remote programming.
- Auto safety service.

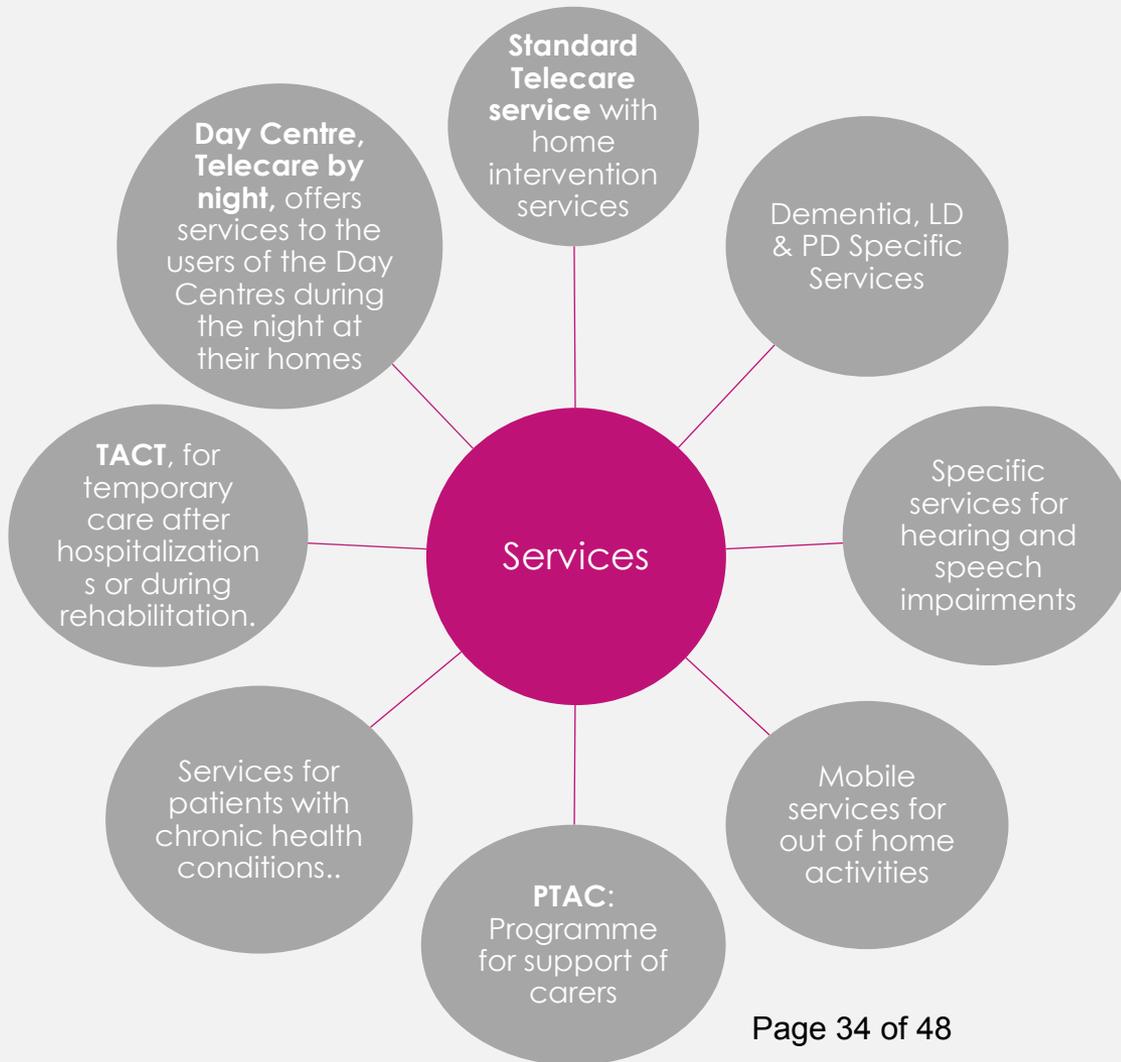
Home intervention services

- Coordination of: Visits for assessment and registration into the service and coordinated follow up visits
- Home maintenance services.
- Technical advice.
- Removal of equipment.

Mobile Units, 24h/365 days

- Health emergencies and first aid.
- Emergencies for robbery, assault
- First Aid for accidents in the home.
- Emergency home repairs.
- User's monitoring.
- Rapid installation service

Support Centre - Specialist Services Provided



Programa de teleasistencia contra el deterioro cognitivo

NeuroTad

Ejercicios de estimulación cognitiva

Región de Murcia
Consejería de Sanidad y Política Social

Tunstall televida² IMAS Instituto murciano de acción social

Temperaturas extremas. Frío

Este fin de semana, se puede esperar con todas las probabilidades un día frío y que afecte a las temperaturas mínimas. En consecuencia, se recomienda tomar las precauciones necesarias para evitar los riesgos de salud que supone el frío intenso.

Con la llegada del invierno las temperaturas alcanzan temperaturas mínimas que ponen en riesgo la salud de las personas mayores así como de otros grupos de riesgo. Es necesario, por lo tanto, tener en las precauciones necesarias para evitar los riesgos de salud que supone el frío intenso.

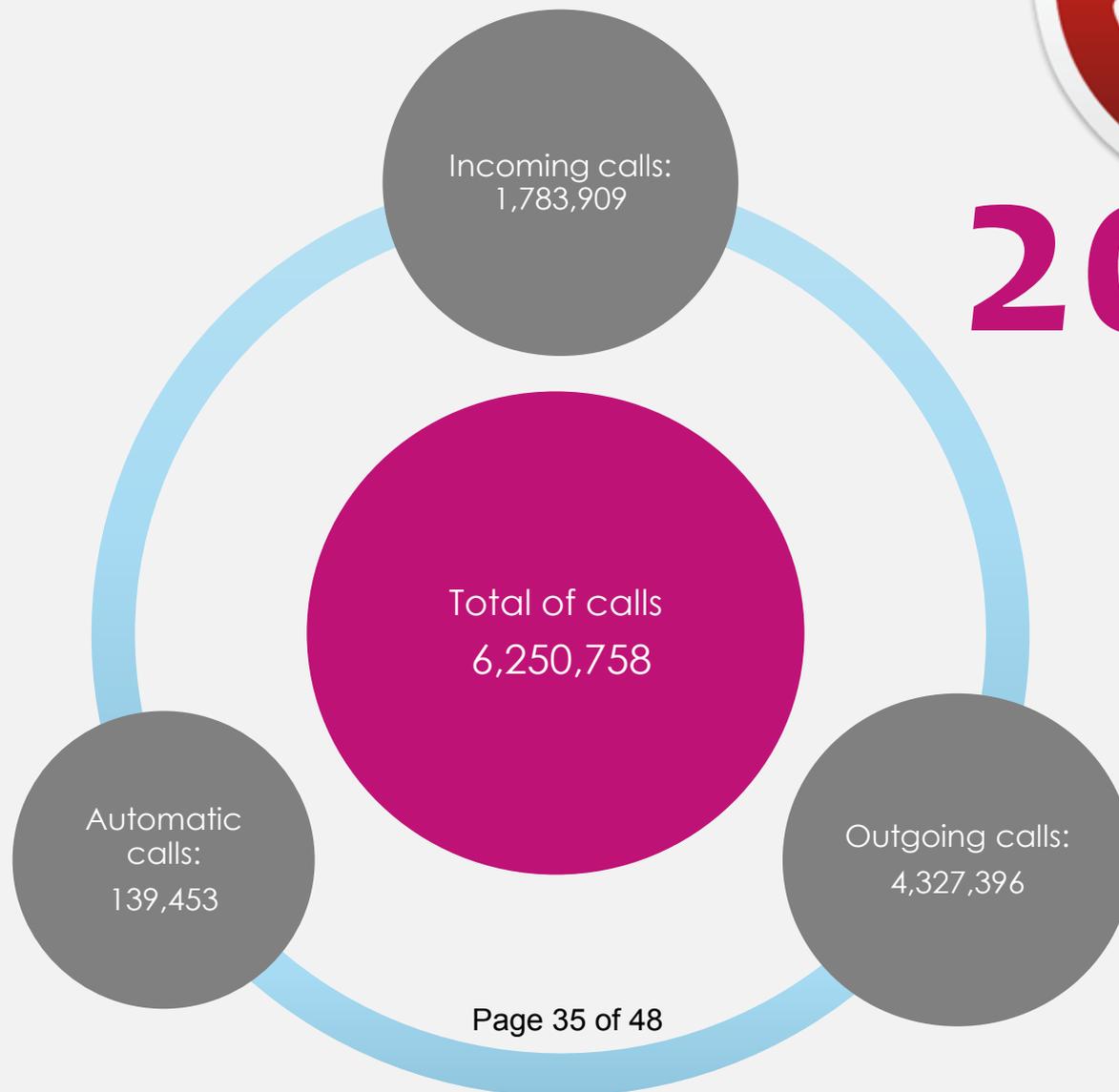
¿Qué hacer...? ¿Qué debemos tener en cuenta?

En general	Si tiene problemas de salud:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evitar las exposiciones prolongadas al frío y los cambios bruscos de temperatura. Preparar que se pueda tener un lugar cálido y seco que pueda servir de refugio en caso de frío intenso. Preparar que se pueda tener un lugar cálido y seco que pueda servir de refugio en caso de frío intenso. Preparar que se pueda tener un lugar cálido y seco que pueda servir de refugio en caso de frío intenso. Preparar que se pueda tener un lugar cálido y seco que pueda servir de refugio en caso de frío intenso. Preparar que se pueda tener un lugar cálido y seco que pueda servir de refugio en caso de frío intenso. Preparar que se pueda tener un lugar cálido y seco que pueda servir de refugio en caso de frío intenso. Preparar que se pueda tener un lugar cálido y seco que pueda servir de refugio en caso de frío intenso. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Si se tiene problemas de salud, se debe tener especial cuidado con el frío. Si se tiene problemas de salud, se debe tener especial cuidado con el frío. Si se tiene problemas de salud, se debe tener especial cuidado con el frío. Si se tiene problemas de salud, se debe tener especial cuidado con el frío. Si se tiene problemas de salud, se debe tener especial cuidado con el frío. Si se tiene problemas de salud, se debe tener especial cuidado con el frío. Si se tiene problemas de salud, se debe tener especial cuidado con el frío. Si se tiene problemas de salud, se debe tener especial cuidado con el frío.

Support Centre - Call Handling



2014



Reasons for Success

1 Significant impact on the health and safety of people in vulnerable situations

2 Universal: reach anyone in any area, urban or rural, even to the more isolated home.

3 24 hours/365 days. Permanent contact. Easy and individual response to the user.

4 Builds confidence for people and their families, for its ability to provide information and mobilize resources in urgent and complex situations.

5 Effective in the information, advice, support, coordination, monitoring and resource mobilization, due to the technological components and communication expertise.

6 Way of bidirectional communication with users and provider services

7 Monitoring tool to detect risk and vulnerability with high accuracy.

8 Services implemented at scale, guaranteed by many years of operational knowledge

9 Is the most sustainable service to provide health and social care from an economic point of view, with a high degree of effectiveness and efficiency.

10 Organisations associated to the provision of these service create added value for commissioners

Report to Committee to consider applications to undertake certain duties by Members and Foreign Travel by Officers	FTC/04/16
Date of meeting: 22 March 2016	
Member Foreign Travel to Monchy-Le Preux, France	
Report by: Jennifer Reid , Committee Officer	
Enquiries to: Jennifer Reid, 03330 131332 (jennifer.reid@essex.gov.uk)	

1. Purpose of the Report

To note self-funded foreign travel to Monchy-Le Preux, France, by Cllr John Aldridge on 21 May 2016.

2. Recommendation:

That foreign travel by Cllr John Aldridge to the Essex Regiment/Essex Yeomanry Memorial in Monchy-Le Preux, France, on 21 May 2016, at no cost to Essex County Council, be noted.

3. Background and proposal

- 3.1 An application has been received from Cllr John Aldridge regarding travel to the Essex Regiment/Essex Yeomanry Memorial in Monchy-Le Preux, France, on 21 May 2016, to represent Essex at the ceremony. This visit will incur no cost to Essex County Council as the trip is self-funded.
- 3.2 As there is no cost to the Council, approval by the Committee is not required and this report is for information only.

APPROVAL FOR MEMBER ATTENDANCE AT EVENTS/VISITS

Involving travel abroad / individual costs exceeding £500 / aggregate costs for more than one member of £1,000

Name of Member(s) travelling:

John Aldridge (Chairman)

Name of officers also attending (if any)
(to allow the Committee to make a full
assessment of ECC representation)

None

Details of the visit/event (incl. dates):

To represent Essex at the memorial to the Essex Regiment / Essex Yeomanry at the memorial at Monchy-Le-Preux, France.

See attached summary of the background the memorial and the order of service / wreath laying on behalf of ECC.

Date Saturday 21st May 2016

Estimated cost of the visit: £0

Purpose of the visit and anticipated value to the County Council:

The ceremony will be conducted by the Mayor of Monchy-Le-Preux and will be accompanied by the Préfet of the Pas de Calais and the Sénateur of the region. The memorial service will include among the guests, the Lord Lieutenant, Lord Petre and representatives of the Essex Regiment, the Essex Yeomanry and the Royal Anglian Regiment who will all participate in the laying of wreaths.

The presence of the Chairman will represent the people of Essex

It is understood that Essex media are invited to record the event.

Comments of the Chief Executive

Comments of the Section 151 Officer



11.00am Wreath laying at town's memorial

Welcome

M Zéchel

Mayor of Monchy-le-Preux

Madame F Buccio

Prefect of Pas-de-Calais

Response

Dr AE Bailey

Grandson of a survivor of the battle

Unveiling of Essex Memorial

Baron Petre, Lord Lieutenant of Essex

Laying of wreaths

Baron Petre, Lord Lieutenant of Essex

Prefect?

Colonel C Thomas, TD, DL, Essex Regiment

Colonel SP Foakes, TD, DL, Essex Yeomanry

Major RC Gould (Ret'd), Late Pompadours, Royal Anglian Regiment

Chair, Essex County Council (TBC?)

Others

Last Post: Andy Smerdon

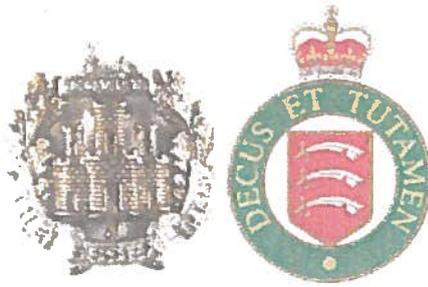
One minute silence

Reveille: Ian Hook

Sonnerie aux morts?

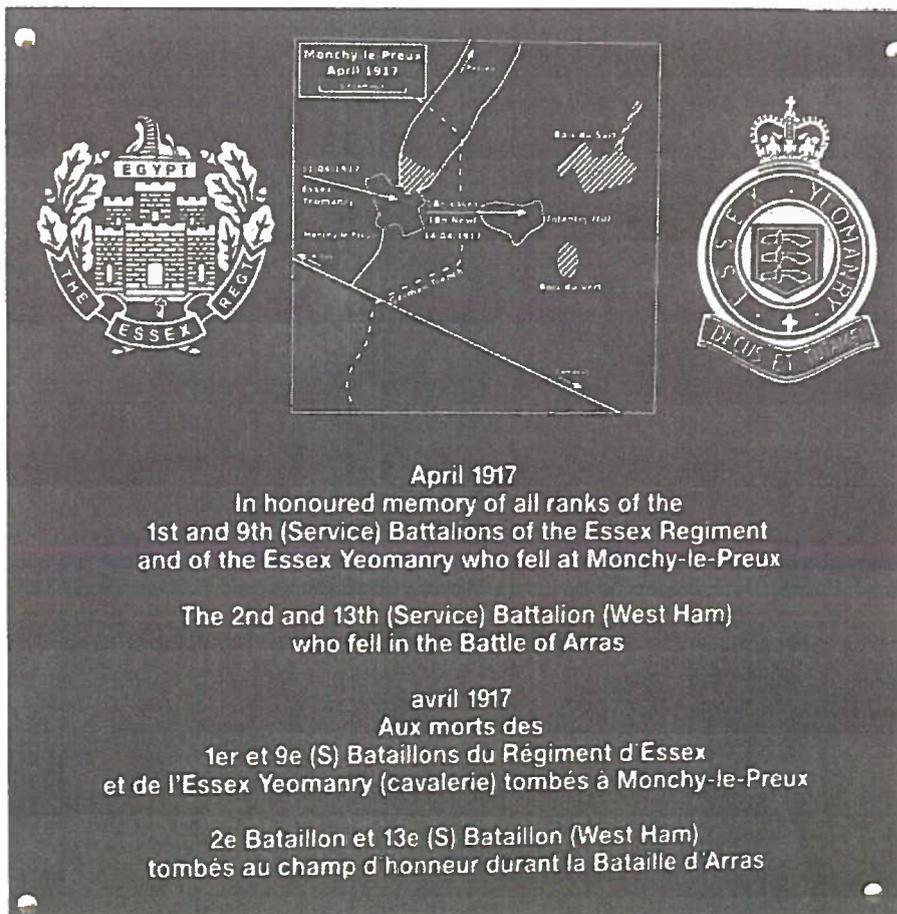
Ode of Remembrance (English and French)

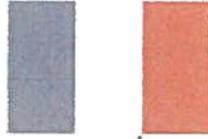
Official party thanks the Flag bearers



L'inauguration d'une stèle [pièrre?] [commémorative] dédiée
aux Régiment d'Essex
et de l'Essex Yeomanry
le 21 mai 2016, 11h
à Monchy-le-Preux 62118 (62582?)

The inauguration of a commemorative stone dedicated
to the Essex Regiment
and the Essex Yeomanry
21 May 2016, 11.00am
at Monchy-le-Preux 62118 (62582?)





11h Dépôt de gerbes au monument aux morts

Bienvenue

M Zéchel

Maire de Monchy le Preux

Préfet?

Dr A E Bailey

Petit-fils d'un survivant de la bataille

Dévoilement du monument commémoratif d'Essex

Baron Petre, Lord Lieutenant d'Essex

Dépôt de gerbes:

Baron Petre, Lord Lieutenant d'Essex

Préfét (ici?)

Colonel C Thomas, TD, DL, Régiment d'Essex

Colonel SP Foakes, TD, DL, Yeomanry d'Essex

Major RC Gould (Ret'd), Fin Pompadours, Royal Anglian Regiment

Président, Conseil d'Essex (TBC?)

Les Autres

Dernier message: Andy Smerdon

Une minute de silence

Réveil: Ian Hook

Sonnerie Aux Morts ?

Ode de souvenir (en Anglais et Francais)

La délégation officielle salue les porteurs de drapeaux

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ESSEX REGIMENT AND YEOMANRY MEMORIAL AT MONCHY-LE-PREUX

On 14 April 1917, 1st Battalion Essex Regiment, with the Newfoundlanders, attacked Infantry Hill east of Monchy-le-Preux recently taken back from the enemy. Initial success was met with a simultaneous counter-attack by the 3rd Bavarians, considered to be one of their crack units, practically wiping out the Essex who lost 17 officers and 644 men. Both allied units suffered so many casualties, most from the Essex, that a temporary battalion had to be formed, named the '1st Newfounddessex', comprising only 400 men.

There were further engagements in and around Monchy and also in May 1917 with 12 others Killed-in-Action (K-I-A) and 45 Wounded (W) as a result of heavy enemy shelling on the town.

Other Essex Battalions were also in the vicinity during this larger Arras engagement. The 2nd Battalion were in action on 9 April losing 78 men while the 9th lost 163 men. Also engaged were the Essex Yeomanry, as part of a mounted division, who bravely attacked Monchy in a snowstorm, galloping into the village but met heavy fire and lost 135 men, 29 K-I-A, and most of their horses. Machine Gunner Lance-Corporal Harold Mugford doggedly defended the position under severe enemy pressure although severely wounded in both legs, subsequently amputated. He was awarded the Victoria Cross and survived the war with distinction.

Following the successful dedication of a specific Essex Regiment Memorial at Beaumont-Hamel, Somme, on 24 May 2014, I felt there should be an equivalent at Monchy. This is particularly relevant in this centenary period as many unknown Essex soldiers are buried without a proper memorial on Infantry Hill because it was fought over back and forth throughout 1917.

There is a large Newfoundland Caribou standing on the remains of a German strongpoint overlooking the village centre but nothing parallel in memory of the Essex Regiment or Yeomanry. An appeal was launched in October 2014 and within the year enthusiastic donations totalled over £1,800. The local Mayor was equally enthusiastic and the granite memorial stone, with map and French translation, arrived in France on 11 December.

I am pleased to say that we are now in a position to inaugurate and commemorate the memorial in memory of the brave Essex Battalions and the Essex Yeomanry who gave their all in the Battle of Monchy-le-Preux, well in time for the 100th anniversary. The date of the ceremony is Saturday 21 May 2016 at 11.00 hours.

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January 2016

Monchy Memorial: Tasks

TASK	DECISION	OUTCOME
FRANCE		
Date of Commemoration	Saturday 21 May at 11.00	Confirmed
Correct address: Mayor Madame le Préfet? Madame le Sénateur?	}Awaiting reply to email 29/2 }	Monsieur le Maire
Any other worthies?	Awaiting reply to email 29/2	
Will there be a reception?	Likely	
French priest to dedicate?	Not unless they supply	
Draft Programme:	Planning Mtg 9/2 at ERM	Ongoing
BRITAIN		
Guest of Honour	Baron Petre, Lord Lieut of Essex	Yes
Col Stephen Foakes	Accompanying & Essex Yeomanry	Yes & Liaising
Col Charles Thomas	Essex Regiment	Yes
Bob Villa, Ex-Mayor?	Circulated	?
Chelmsford Mayor Elect (May)	Website contact 2 Feb	Not attending
Essex CC Chair Cllr John Aldridge	Phone call 9 March	Yes
10 th Essex Regiment Living History Group	Will march round/assemble in square, present arms, salute, lay wreath etc	Yes
ADVERTISING		
BBC Essex Radio	Emailed Dave Monk	?
Southend Radio	Contacted website 4 Feb	?
Garrison Radio	Contacted website 4 Feb	?
Phoenix Radio, Brentwood		?
BBC	Letter Robert Hall, BBC, 3 Feb	?
Newsquest	Circulation email	?
Essex Chronicle	Circulation email	?
Essex Standard		?
CEREMONY		
Le Maire	Brief welcome	Yes
Madame le Préfet?	Speech?	Yes but brief!
Dr Ted Bailey	Response & brief explanation	Yes
Unveiling of flags	Lord Lieutenant (Colonel Foakes?)	Yes
Where to put Sonnerie Au Morts?	Awaiting information	
Order of wreaths:	Lord Petre - Essex	1
	Madame Prefect-Pas de Calais	2
	Colonel Thomas-Essex Regiment	3
	Colonel Foakes-Essex Yeomanry	4
	Major Gould (Ret'd) -R Anglian	5
	Chair Essex CC	6
	Others in trios: TBD?	
Last Post	Andy Smerdon in EY uniform	Yes
Reveille	Ian Hook (1914 Bugle)	Yes
Regimental Collects?		No
Thank all present inc. Flag bearers		Yes

