

CRYSTAL AWARD SHORTLIST ANNOUNCED

The shortlisted organisations for the TSA Crystal Awards 2013 have now been announced. The three categories received entries from across the TSA membership, and competition was strong. The awards, which recognise excellence across technology enabled services and creative technology development, were judged by a panel of experts from across the UK. The shortlisted entries are:

Most creative application of technology including telecare, telehealth, telecoaching

- STAY (Sandwell Telecare Assisting You) and Red Embedded Systems Ltd
- Contour Homes
- The Medvivo Group

Enhancing Lives through technology enabled services

- **The** Medvivo Group
- Peninsula Community Health
- Stafford and Rural Homes

Professional of the Year

- Bristol Careline
- Stafford and Rural Homes
- Contour Homes

All entries were made as anonymous as possible to ensure that the judging process was fair and equitable, and were judged by a panel of seven. This year's judges were:

- Prof George Crooks, NHS24 and SCTT, Scotland
- Prof Jonathan Wallace, University of Ulster, Northern Ireland
- Jackie Edwards, Wales and West Housing
- Rachel Cashman, NHS England
- Helena Herklots, Carers UK
- Jim O'Donoghue, S3Group (guest judge as last year's overall winners)
- Trevor Single, CEO, TSA

The winners from the shortlist will be announced at the prestigious Gala Dinner at the International Telecare and Telehealth Conference on 12 November 2013. The conference, held in the Hilton

Birmingham Metropole Hotel, is the largest specialist conference for technology enabled services in Europe.

Trevor Single, Chief Executive stated; “We are delighted that this year’s shortlist for the TSA Crystal Awards includes organisations that reflect the evolving face of the industry, and the true excellence across service delivery and technology development. The winners will be announced at conference, which this year reflects the importance of policy, strategy and quality led delivery.

“The programme features keynote addresses from Norman Lamb MP, Minister of State for Care and Support, Edwin Poots MLA, Minister for Health, Social Services and Public Safety, Northern Ireland Executive and Michael Matheson MSP, Minister for Public Health, Scottish Government. Rachel Cashman, Head of Collaboration and Excellence, NHS England will be announcing the new definition and approach for 3millionlives as a conference exclusive and we will hear from leaders across social care, commissioning and standards, including Sandie Keene, President of ADASS, Dr. Richard Pope, Airedale NHS Foundation Trust and Colin Williams, Head of Resilience, Prevention and Early Intervention, Newcastle City Council.”

The event also features over 20 breakout sessions, covering a range of operational, best practice and evidence based topics and is fully CPD certified.

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Telecare Services Association (TSA) is the representative body for telecare and telehealth. It works with government, commissioners, suppliers and service providers in the development of telecare and telehealth strategy, and promotes the benefits of telecare and telehealth and related technology enabled services, which help individuals to maintain independence and better manage health issues at home. TSA is a lead partner in 3millionlives. TSA is the sector standards expert and has developed, and maintains, the Telecare and Telehealth Integrated Code of Practice – the only customer-centred code of practice available for these services. This independently audited Code was designed in the UK by telecare and telehealth experts and undergoes regular updates to remain current and relevant. For more information visit www.telecare.org.uk. Follow TSA: [@TeleServAssoc](https://twitter.com/TeleServAssoc)