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New Manual Press Release

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gdewsbury are proud to announce their most recent publication:

DTA: The Dependability Telecare Assessment tool – The ‘Person-Centred Telecare Assessment’

A new manual, published on the 15th September 2014, by Guy Dewsbury PhD and Debbie Ballard of *gdewsbury* written for practitioners and professionals who assess, provide or install telecare including people who work with assistive technology. DTA is also relevant to the academic sector and can be a learning resource in any telecare course and is core reading on the postgraduate telecare course at Edinburgh University.

The Dependability Telecare Assessment tool (DTA) is a new independent assessment tool, which puts the person at the start, the middle and the finish of any assessment. It considers the whole person, their needs, their activities and their wishes. This assessment tool can be used in conjunction with existing care assessments. As a result, a more transparent and accountable assessment is undertaken which clearly demonstrates the rationale for any equipment proposed.

Adding to the existing knowledge on telecare assessments, the manual provides a unique method to determine appropriate telecare for a person. The DTA matrix comprises four key properties, each of which incorporates three individual elements. The manual also provides three Outcome and Review forms in the Appendix. This manual provides best practice advice on how to deploy the DTA in the field.

This manual represents a new technique for thinking about telecare assessments and demonstrates a qualitative way to consider telecare’s relationship with people in need of additional support.

DTA is a culmination of many years of academic ethnographic research with older and disabled people in the design of telecare technology to support them. When *gdewsbury* (www.gdewsbury.com) formed in 2012, it proved to be the appropriate time to write and publish DTA as a manual for professionals. A key theme throughout DTA is *“only install sufficient telecare to enable a person. Excessive use of telecare could disable a person.”*

For people in health, social care, housing, academia or a private professional in a field related to telecare this manual is essential reading.

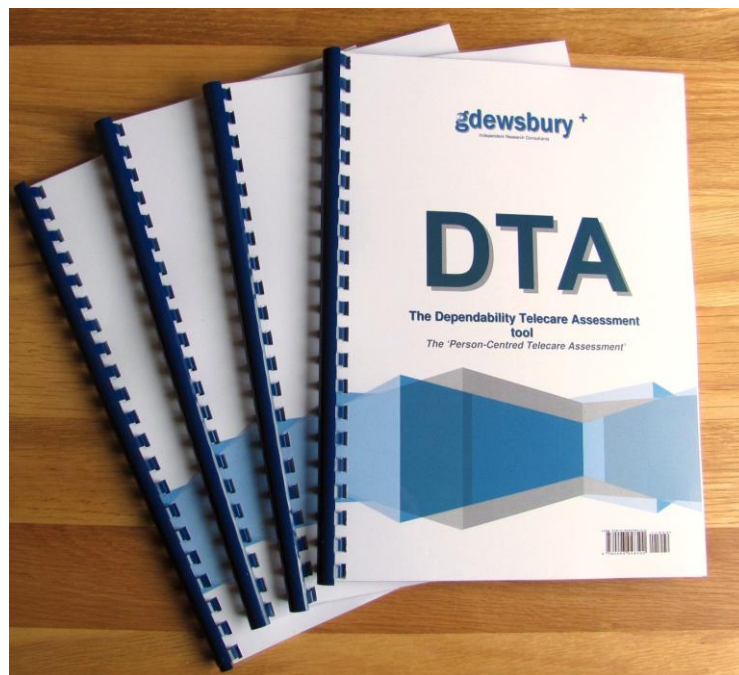
The spiral bound A4 manual (ISBN 978-0-9930485-0-0) is available through PayPal from *gdewsbury* <http://www.gdewsbury.com/dta> for £19.99 with free p&p in the UK, outside the UK p&p charges apply.

If you would like to obtain a copy this manual or would like more information, please contact gdewsbury.com@gmail.com.

Telecare is support and assistance provided at a distance using information and communication technology. It is the continuous, automatic and remote monitoring of users by means of sensors to enable them to continue living in their own home, while minimising risks such as a fall, gas and flood detection and relate to other real time emergencies and lifestyle changes over time.

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