



# Empowering People's Lives

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# Our Mission



Drive Transformation and Growth of the TEC sector strengthening Partnerships, Data & People.



Ensure Quality and safety setting, developing standards and providing independent and trusted audit and certification.



# Unlocking Personalisation: Turning Strategy into Action



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# What People Want From TEC

**We need to re-focus on people, their families and unpaid carers:**

- Co-production, so TEC is shaped and chosen by the people who will be using it
- Seamless TEC that links with the technologies people already use
- Familiar, easy to use technologies and devices
- Adoption of a common structure and language for TEC, to help with awareness and selection of the right solutions



Implementing technology to help  
people live really good lives:  
What people want from  
technology enabled care

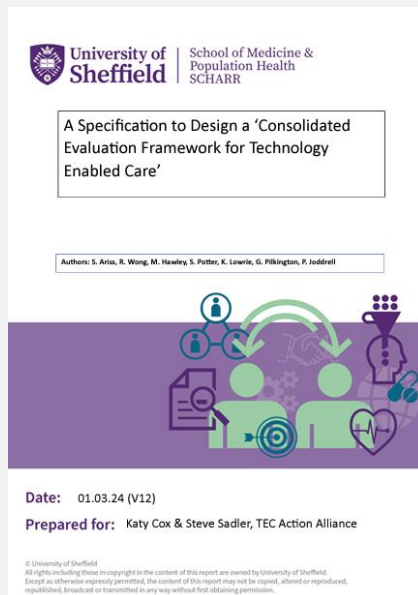
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# Building the Business Case



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- **Diverse Methods Identified:** Highlighting the variety in evaluation approaches.
- **Need for Unified Framework:** Emphasises integration for broader applicability.
- **Interim Framework Recommended:** Utilising existing framework components that supports scaling-up and sustainability
- **Framework Essentials:** 14 key elements targeting innovation, economic impact, and sustainability.



# Continuous improvement - National Communications Charter and National Telecare Charter



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# A Workforce Strategy for Adult Social Care

Led by Skills for Care, the ASC workforce strategy will:



- Identify the adult social care workforce needed over the next 15 years
- Ensuring the sector has enough of the right people with the right skills
- Complement the NHS Long Term Workforce Plan





# State of the Sector

Two in three (66%) commissioners say awareness of TEC within the council's workforce is a **challenge** or **significant challenge**.



# 66%

Have **low or no understanding** of how to make a high-quality referral.

# 61%

Have **low or no understanding** of the full range of outcomes and people TEC can deliver positive outcomes for.

# Workforce Development: The Virtual House



- 1200 people supported through the virtual house across 13 organisations within the region
- Goal of 100 people onboarded per organisation
- 1/3 of people have completed the TEC Explorer module
- Focus is on supporting organisations to embed virtual house and increase completion rates
- Further expansion into health and housing teams being explored over the coming months

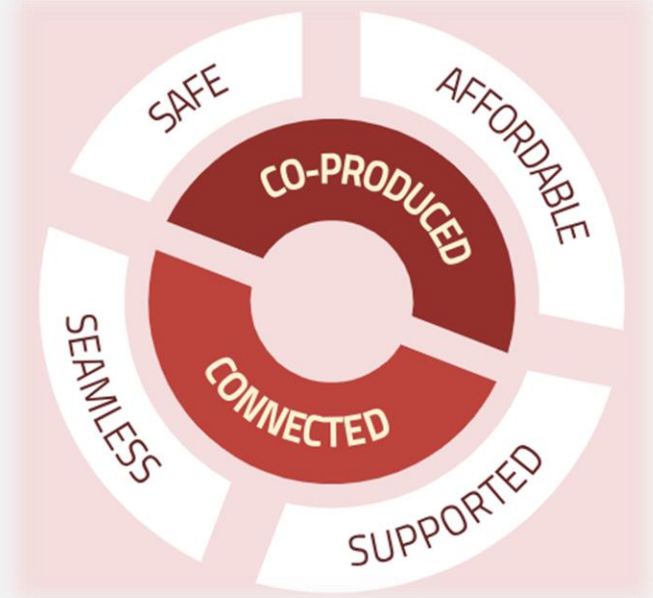




# Technology for our Ageing Population: Panel for Innovation



## The power of partnerships & shared learning



CO-PRODUCTION WORKS



[www.housinglin.org.uk/tappi](http://www.housinglin.org.uk/tappi)

# Building Strong Foundations for TEC Services and UCR



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<https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/technology-enabled-care-referral-guidance/>

## Technology Enabled Care (TEC) Referral Guidance

Direction on how TEC providers are to establish referral pathways into Urgent Community Response (UCR)

Version 1.0



### Technology Enabled Care Referral Guidance

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## 5 'gold standard' indicators for areas to work towards

1

There are direct referral routes in place from locally operating QSF-certified TEC responder services into the UCR service, which don't rely on clinician-to-clinician referral

2

Only activity which is inappropriate for UCR response is directed to 999, with responsibility being maintained by the TEC provider until this transfer of care occurs

3

The UCR service has open lines of communication into its locally operating QSF-certified TEC responder services, which limit the amount of rejected referrals due to capacity limitations

4

Training on appropriate referral reasons is available to local QSF-certified TEC responder services, with the UCR service having an 'accept all' approach to referrals from providers who've completed this training

5

Induction and refresher training for TEC to UCR pathway is co-designed and co-delivered frequently, with at least quarterly PDSA approaches to understand the reason for and mitigate against future rejected referrals

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