

# Beat social isolation & live safely Webinar

**For leaders in the NHS and social care, any clinicians, social prescribers or social carers, members of voluntary group organisations or community leaders. Learn more about how any vulnerable person stuck at home can use a range of digital aids for reducing their social isolation or living more safely with assistive technology**

**Introduction** – digital assistance is the way forward for so many people who're unaware of their potential help: *Dr Ruth Chambers* OBE, Staffordshire STP's clinical lead for technology enabled care, digital workstream & *Tim Bevington*, Lay member Stoke-on-Trent CCG

## How to reduce social isolation with personal digital assistants:

Various types of personal digital assistants are available: *Ben McManus*, Company Director - Wavemaker  
Social prescriber PCN leads give their insights into combating social isolation: *Margaret Hurley*, Newcastle North PCN, Staffordshire, *Sophie Henaughan*, Meir PCN, Stoke-on-Trent & *Victoria Lockett*, Biddulph and Leek PCN, Staffordshire.

An example is the Amazon Echo Show that has been widely deployed across Staffordshire:

- Ease to install: *Alex Rowley*, Chief Operations Officer and Technical Director - Wavemaker
- Mental health benefits: *Ron Daley*, Project Manager - Staffs STP Digital reach and digital inclusion programme
- Place of welcome – bringing in virtual Church support: *Father John Stather*, Vicar, Christ Church, Tunstall
- Helping a frail person in need: *Paul Edden*, Managing Director – Home Instead Senior Care
- Focus on diabetes management & wellbeing: *Paul Beaney*, Year 5 medical student, Keele University & evaluator

Another example is the Facebook Portal in care settings: *Louise Molineux*, Senior Day Service Officer, Staffordshire County Council / and service user *Ange Barlow*

## How assistive technology can help:

- Great examples across Stoke-on-Trent: *Pete Ball*, Telecare and Rehabilitation Services Manager, Stoke-on-Trent City Council
- Great examples from across Staffordshire- the interactive Happy @ Home website: *Lee Owen*, Community Development Coordinator, Staffordshire County Council
- Making home settings safer e.g., sensors can help: *Paul Edden*, Managing Director – Home Instead Senior Care
- Using assistive technology in a home: *Chris Chambers*, Clinical Telehealth Facilitator, Northern Staffordshire CCGs

## Port Vale Foundation Trust perspective – reducing social isolation & enhancing safety at home

**Revd Richard Coles endorses aiding people to stay safe and happy at home – without excluding those in need** *Father John* introduces *Revd Richard*

**Live panel: put your questions to:** Alex Rowley, Paul Edden, Dr Ruth Chambers, John Stather and Ron Daley