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Title: Orchard Medical Centre Wins Healthcare Award for Telehealth Success

The Orchard Medical Centre in the UK has just received a prestigious healthcare industry award for the successful use of telehealth for improving care and avoiding hospital admissions for patients with chronic heart failure (CHF).

The Health Business Telehealth Award that recognises the achievements, innovation and dedication of staff in improving and transforming healthcare delivery and patient outcomes was presented by BBC News' Nicholas Owen at the award ceremony.

GPs and nurses at The Orchard Medical Centre in Bristol have successfully integrated telehealth into their CHF service to provide more preventative support within the community setting, keep patients independent and out of emergency care, and promote greater self management.

The use of telehealth has helped to reduce hospital admissions, ease some of the burden on secondary care providers and offer a cost effective model of care.

Telehealth has also been valuable to The Orchard Medical Centre by identifying trends such as changes in body weight at an early stage, engaging patients in their own care, reducing the need for patients to visit GP practices and improving patients' health and lifestyle.

The GP practice deployed the telehealth solution from leading provider Tunstall Healthcare to carry out remote health monitoring.

Tunstall's telehealth monitors can be used with medical devices including weighing scales, blood pressure monitors, peak flow meters and ECG monitors.

Once a patient's vital signs are collected the data is securely transmitted to Tunstall's monitoring centre for review by a triage nurse.

Abnormal readings are forwarded onto the patients care providers for immediate intervention.

According to Dr Richard Berkley, clinical lead on the telehealth project, the award reflects the growing acceptance of telehealth as a means of enabling councils to support a greater number of patients, improve outcomes and make the best use of available resources.

"Telehealth keeps people where they want to be, and that's at home with their family", Dr Berkley said.

"Patient acceptance of telehealth is high; daily monitoring has enabled more accurate prescription of patient medication, and also gives patients valuable reassurance, keeping them calm, reducing the risks of exacerbation and hospital admission."

For information on telehealth or the full case study on The Orchard Medical Centre www.tunstallhealthcare.com.au or call 1800 611 528.

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