

Technology, care and a sense of home

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This abstract was submitted for oral presentation in the area of technologies (domestication theory framework) and how they mediate and shape care in person and care at a distance.

This presentation discussed the theoretical framework that guides the research (domestication theory), the methods being used and some very early reflections on the data collected so far. An ethnographic approach will be chosen to investigate how older people experience new care technologies and how telecare changes the meaning and experience of home and care for older people. The aim was to interview participants and observe them in their own homes. Ten individuals were identified; they were aged over 60, living in Brighton & Hove on their own, using one or more telecare devices provided by CareLink Plus telecare alarm system service, were not being affected by severe cognitive impairment,