Aim and objectives:
The aim was to maximise use of resources to increase the number of people supported to live full and independent lives. The objectives were to:
- Increase awareness of technology options/innovations already in use elsewhere and how they could be transferred into use locally.
- Increase the number of people in the NHS, Health & Social Care Partnerships and Third Sector with creativity and innovation knowledge and skills.

Results and outcomes:
A search identified existing technologies that may be fit for purpose, before moving to look to additional business and community solutions.

The value of each of six technology solutions to increase independent living, self management and Self Directed Support was assessed. This was based on knowledge of the current stage of development, or use of each of the technologies in Clackmannanshire and Stirling Health and Social Care Partnership, costs, impact and benefit.

The Health and Social Care Partnership re-focused on making better use of available technologies and avoided committing resources (min 25K, max £60K) to an additional solution.

76 people were involved in this creativity and innovation approach.
93% of the people providing feedback on the innovation workshop either agreed or strongly agreed with statements about their improved knowledge and understanding of technology/innovation, and being able to share their views of what would be beneficial to the people of Clackmannanshire.

Conclusions:
Increasing creativity and innovation is one way of finding solutions to the challenge of improving outcomes at lower cost. In this case a collaborative, systematic approach was applied to make best use of available resources to support people to live full and independent lives in Clackmannanshire.

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