Stockport children design innovative tech to support vulnerable people

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Children in Stockport have entered a competition, coordinated by 24/7 local telemonitoring and response service Carecall, to raise awareness about the importance of assistive technology in supporting the independence and safety of older and vulnerable people.

In partnership with the global leading provider of software solutions, Tunstall Healthcare, Carecall has awarded Ben Charlesworth, aged 8 years old, a state-of-the-art Apple iPad, for his innovative design; a plug-in device to support people with vision impairment.

Gavin Bashar, UK Managing Director of Tunstall Healthcare, commented: "Improving the lives of people is at the heart of what Tunstall Healthcare does, and we're incredibly proud to see younger generations getting involved in an initiative that will raise awareness about the crucial role technology plays in improving the lives of vulnerable people.

"It has been fantastic to see the children's creations and how they see the future of assistive technology supporting people to live life to the full."

Launched as part of Stockport's summer art trail which sees multi-coloured frogs pop up across the local area, the competition for under 16s, received entries in multiple formats, including drawings, paintings, and statements.

Carecall competition winner, Ben Charlesworth, who entered the competition through his local scouts group said: "I'm excited to have won and was happy to enter because me and my brother have colour vision deficiency, so my entry was important to us if it would help others."

Carecall is a Stockport Council service that launched in the 1980's and is delivered by Stockport homes, is a pioneering emergency response service for the frail, elderly and vulnerable. Using high tech innovations such as floor pressure alarm sensors, the award-winning company connects customers to a call handler should they need urgent support, or drives out to help people get back on their feet.

Over the past year, Carecall has answered thousands of alarms, reduced the strain on emergency services, and kept residents in their own homes as opposed to care homes.

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