

HomeStay technology commences “go live” trial implementation with St John of God Health Care

- **HomeStay technology lead for St John of God Health Care Enabled Lifestyle Blueprint Project signals a significant industry adoption milestone**
- **HomeStay’s MyDay and Carers Companion apps commence the first “go live” trial implementation, digitising documentation and creating efficiencies and ensuring continuum of care**
- **Ground-breaking project to help provide independence for people with physical and intellectual disabilities**
- **HomeStay’s proprietary technologies now rolling to the NDIS sector**

Healthcare technology provider **HomeStay Care Limited (ASX: HSC)** (“HomeStay”) is pleased to announce that it has commenced a live trial of its MyDay and Carers Companion apps through the St John of God Health Care Enabled Lifestyle Blueprint Project (“the project”).

The project is a smart home, built by St John of God Health Care, with technology provided by HomeStay and a range of market leading technology companies. The aim is to develop an end-to-end residential technology solution to improve the quality of life for people with complex intellectual and physical disabilities by increasing their levels of independence, choice and control.

The new house, in Brighton, Melbourne, is being fitted with motion sensors, apps, voice assistants, artificial intelligence and more fit-for-purpose innovations for people with cognitive issues and secondary conditions such as epilepsy, cerebral palsy and blindness.

The purpose-built smart home will allow residents to be more independent and less reliant on carers. The technology will also enable St John of God Health Care to collect key metrics and use data analytics to support decision making, and prioritise one-on-one care.

HomeStay’s Carers Companion and MyDay apps, which were developed for the project and launched into live trial in March, are key to the Enabled Lifestyle Blueprint and HomeStay’s integrated platform.

Carers Companion enables carers of people living with complex needs to document and monitor their behaviours; receive reminders of client's and their house tasks; set up meal plans, activities and carer schedules; and be inducted into the house and familiarise themselves with the residents. The Carers Companion transitions this process from a paper-based method by digitising these steps, resulting in an improved data collection and ensuring care continuum.

MyDay is designed to allow residents with intellectual and cognitive disability to simply view and effectively visualise what is planned for their day, such as activities, the evening meal, activities and carers rostered on, as well as the weather and what clothes are recommended. The app uses imagery and has a voiceover feature for details on the screen, to accommodate sighted and partially sighted residents, to convey information that is important to enabling their independent daily living and also reducing anxiety.

The companies collaborating on the project to provide technology support include:

- HomeStay – AI-enabled monitoring system including data hub, safety alert system, and the Carers Companion and MyDay apps
- Samsung – smart devices (phones, tablets, wearables) and virtual reality devices
- Quantify Technology – smart home lighting, blinds, power outlet devices and the Qumulus cloud
- Signify – colour therapy lighting and motion sensor technology
- BCDS Group – secure access control
- Work M8 – incident response and carer duress platform.

A priority of the project has been to ensure compliance with the National Disability Insurance Scheme's Assistive Technology Strategy.

"Homestay is excited to be in collaboration with an excellent group of partner companies all of whom are taking part in this project with St John of God Health Care. It's important to showcase our proprietary technologies because they have potential to make significant contributions to the quality of life of clients as well as their carers. Digitising manual processes is an industry priority because it results in efficiency and supports disabled people to be more independent," said Philippa Lewis, CEO of HomeStay Care.

St John of God Health Care is conducting a study with Deakin University to determine the effectiveness of the technology and design of the Smart Home in improving quality of the lives of its residents, who are due to move into the house in Q2 2019.

"As a leading provider of disability services in Victoria, we are focused on finding new ways to enable our clients to reach their potential and live life to the full. We are looking forward to seeing our clients benefit from these innovative technology solutions to enhance their quality of life every day," Kevin Taylor, St John of God Health Care Group Director Community Services, said.

"We hope this house, and the solutions incorporated into it by our technology partners, will be a model for the future of disability accommodation, particularly for those with complex intellectual disability."

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“The project highlights the ability to use technology to make a real difference to people living with complex needs. The opportunity to collaborate with St John of God Health Care and Deakin University to showcase the MyDay and Carer Companion apps enables HomeStay to demonstrate its technology capabilities in not only aged care but disability sector as well,” said Wayne Cahill, HomeStay’s Chairman.

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About St John of God Health Care:

St John of God Health Care is a leading provider of high quality healthcare services in Australia. Established in Western Australia in 1895, St John of God Health Care is a not-for-profit private healthcare group and a ministry of the Catholic Church. The organisation employs more than 13,950 staff across Australia, New Zealand and the wider Asia Pacific region, and operates 24 facilities comprising 3,407 hospital beds in Australia and New Zealand, as well as home nursing, disability services and social outreach programs.

St John of God Accord, a division of St John of God Health Care, is the largest Catholic provider of disability services in Australia and provides supported accommodation across 31 houses and short stay accommodation at two respite houses.

About HomeStay:

HomeStay helps protect and connect our elderly with a scalable healthcare technology platform that allows them to live in their homes for longer. www.homestay.care