

Power to the people: utilising new technology to enhance carer, client and professional connectedness

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Ageing and disabled people are faced with a conundrum, the more they need support, the less control they have over how it is delivered. Brad will talk about the process of developing innovative technologies and of his experience with Assistive Independence Systems (AIS). AIS is developing an internet and computer based solution to how we return power and authority to people, despite the impact of age or disability. The AIS innovation is uniquely suited to the emerging demands of a swelling aged population, in an environment of reduced resource and increased demand on the time of family, and health professionals. At present our primary model of service delivery is professional to client, supported by carers. This model needs to be inverted, to prioritise support for the carer client relationship. Brad will describe the development of AIS to illustrate key social pathways, to the uptake of new technologies in the health industry.