Influences On People’s Decisions Around EMERGING HEALTH TECHNOLOGIES

RESEARCH FINDINGS:
The Sources People Use To Find Health Technology

Why People With Disabilities Want Emerging Health Technologies

- Increase independence and mobility
- Recreational purposes
- Cardiovascular benefits
- Skin, blood and bone benefits
- Health and well being
- Social interaction

The Current Information Process With ACC

FUTURE RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Clear Information Process With ACC
   According to clients, the process is long and frustrating. The process needs to be simplified and involve everyone instead of having contact with clients and providers separately.

1.1 Database
   There should be a database for all at different levels containing impartial, evidence-based information. This will make it easier to gather information as clients and make decisions as advisors. This will make the funding process more consistent and faster.

2. Community Equipment Hub
   It was found that clients wanted to test equipment before going through the long process of receiving one. Equipment such as mobility aids or $50,000 or less would be better suited in a social environment where it could be used by multiple people to reduce costs to ACC.

INTRODUCTION:
Technological advances in the health sector are increasing at a rapid rate with an increase in health-related apps and rehabilitative equipment being developed each year. The purpose of this study is to gain insight into the underlying enablers and drivers that lead people to request emerging health technologies. This information will be used to provide evidence to support ACC’s decision making process for funding or declining emerging technology claims.

METHODS:
This mixed method project includes:

SYSTEMATIC LITERATURE REVIEW
Key search terms; disability, rehabilitation, equipment, device, technology, influencer, consumer, knowledge, information, choice.

INTERVIEWS WITH:

PROVIDERS:

ADVISORS:

CLIENTS:

ANALYSIS OF DATA
Qualitative data was analysed using an inductive approach to thematic analysis (Braun and Clarke).

When I’m at a party or something like that I can raise myself up so I’m on eye level with the person. - Client Two