**Mascot Telecare**

Equipment is provided to support the individual in their home and tailored to meet their needs. It can be as simple as the basic community alarm service, able to respond in an emergency and provide regular contact by telephone. It can include detectors or monitors such as motion or falls and fire and gas that trigger a warning to a response centre staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. As well as responding to an immediate need, telecare can work in a preventative mode, with services programmed to monitor an individual's health or well-being. Often known as lifestyle monitoring, this can provide early warning of deterioration, prompting a response from family or professionals. The same technology can be used to provide safety and security through bogus caller and burglar alarms.

Another form of telecare often known as telehealth is designed to complement health care. It works by monitoring vital signs, such as blood pressure, and transmitting the data to a response centre or clinician's computer, where it is monitored against parameters set by the individual's clinician. Evidence that vital signs are outside of 'normal' parameters triggers a response.

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<td>Who it is for:</td>
<td>Telecare is a service that enables people, especially older and more vulnerable individuals, to live independently in their own home.</td>
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<td>Where available:</td>
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<td>Prices start from £19 per month.</td>
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<td>Please contact us for further information: MASCOT Telecare Merton Council 1st Floor Civic Centre London Road Morden SM4 5DX Tel: 020 8274 5940 Fax: 020 8274 5930 email: <a href="mailto:mascot@merton.gov.uk">mascot@merton.gov.uk</a></td>
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**About the service provider:**
**Contact info:**  
**Merton Council:** 1st Floor Civic Centre, London Road, Morden, London, SM4 5DX.  
**Telephone:** 020 8274 5940.  
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**Parent organisation:**  
Telecare Services Association

**Who are they?**  
Was the Association of Social Alarms Providers (ASAP) is the representative body for the commercial telecare industry within the UK.

Providers website: [http://www.mascot-telecare.org.uk](http://www.mascot-telecare.org.uk)