



Scottish Care

Voice of the independent care sector

A Human Rights Charter for Technology and Digital in Social Care.

As designers, developers, policy analysts, human rights practitioners, politicians, service providers, workers and managers and those who use social care supports, we affirm that the use of technology in the care and support of people in Scotland:

1. must be to the benefit of the individual and the common good
2. cannot be used to restrict or remove any human right but should seek to enhance and fulfil human rights
3. should enable and foster personal independence if so desired
4. has to take account of the unique character and individuality of the person, including characteristics of gender, race and ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, religion and belief, and age etc.,
5. should always be non-discriminatory in implementation and usage
6. should be accessible, understandable and transparent
7. should use data in a manner which respects privacy, transparency and accountability to the individual
8. should be fair and equal in its treatment and use
9. should only restrict individual choice and autonomy to a degree which is proportionate and rights-abiding
10. should enable an individual to flourish and achieve their full potential
11. should be used with the consent of the individual and in accordance with the previously articulated wishes and views of the person
12. should always be person-centred and focused in its intention and implementation
13. should as far as possible be co-designed with the individual end user's engagement and involvement
14. should seek to involve those important to an individual in the use of technology, include family members , informal carers and paid carers.
15. should be accountable to the individual whose data is held and enable them to check, edit and control that data
16. should not be used to harm, destroy or diminish another
17. should enable and augment human presence rather than wholly replace it.