

## CareTech Charter

Digital technology creates value in the quality of people's lives and in the productivity of care organisations allowing services to better cope with the pressures put on the social care sector. Technology is decidedly a driver for change and better outcomes, especially for upstream prevention and early intervention.

We call on Councillors and Parliamentarians to realise this cross-party vision by working to:



Ensure that every key local and national health and social care policymaking body has an **independent living technology champion** with lived experience of using technology to support people who draw on care. This includes the Department for Health and Social Care's Departmental Board, the Board of the Care Quality Commission, and local Health and Wellbeing Boards and Integrated Care Boards. The champions will be empowered to advocate for the adoption of policies, and secure the necessary allocation of funding, that realise the potential for technology to support people to live independent lives at home, and in their communities.



Establish a cross-departmental **digital inclusion forum at your local authority**. The forum will work to boost connectivity and infrastructure, promote CareTech service innovation and improve the quality of technology support in local communities. You will recommend that the same approach is also taken by central government.



Establish a **social care technology co-production** group at your local authority and councils across the country consisting of disabled and older people, carers and technology experts to oversee the procurement and delivery on CareTech products and services in their areas. The group will help shape policies, programmes and strategic documents such as joint strategic needs assessments and joint health and wellbeing strategies.



Increase **care technology training** opportunities for the formal and informal social care workforce at further and higher education providers in your area and nationally. These initiatives will provide ongoing training opportunities for the local care workforce, support care providers to create specialised CareTech career pathways within their organisations and offer spaces for informal carers to learn about how they can use technology in their roles.