

# Seven Questions We Should All Be Asking

Each section of this chapter poses a question about AI in social care. None have easy answers - but all need asking.

- 1 Who is missing from the data?**  
Social care generates far less data than the NHS. If AI learns from gaps, it repeats them. ->
- 2 Are we empowering people - or shifting blame?**  
Giving people data isn't the same as giving them power. Who actually benefits? ->
- 3 Can we trust what we can't see?**  
Machine learning decisions are opaque. We need "procedural regularity" - not blind faith. ->
- 4 Where is the proof that this works?**  
There's no framework for evaluating digital health tech. We're adopting before we can assess. ->
- 5 Is this privatisation by the back door?**  
Private tech isn't inherently wrong - but secrecy about contracts, code, and data is. ->
- 6 What happens to the human relationship?**  
In care, the task is often the relationship. An algorithm cannot sit with you when you're afraid. ->
- 7 How do we get ahead of the curve?**  
Social care must shape AI on its own terms - before the terms are set without it. ->

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