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# What does innovation mean to me?

Innovation for different people means different things, for me it's about what you can do, not what you can't do.

**Mainstream technology,  
Apple Watch, Alexa,  
vacuum and lawn mower**



**More independence, less  
reliant on care and  
support.**



**... robot so I could  
choose when to go to bed  
and not rely on care or  
family.**



# Why does it matter?



I can live the life I want and do the things that are important to me as independently as possible.



I am supported by people who see me as a unique person with strengths, abilities and aspirations.



I am supported to manage my health in a way that makes sense to me

# Can it make a difference to adult social care?

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Definition of Innovation (TLAP jargon buster):

***Doing something in a new way, with the aim of doing it better.***

Definition of Co-production (TLAP jargon buster):

***When you as an individual are involved as an equal partner in designing the support and services you receive. Co-production recognises that people who use social care services (and their families) have knowledge and experience that can be used to help make services better, not only for themselves but for other people who need social care.***

# Future of Innovation in adult social care

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- Care Innovation Challenge, interesting innovation such as the **AI Robo Chat** that reduces loneliness.
- Innovation in social care is behind, and often not considered an innovation in the wider world.
  - Lots to learn from other sectors that are further ahead.
  - Examples: Self-driving cars – Balancing safety & risk vs real life benefits
- Drivers for innovation are often cost cutting, will these innovations increase isolation?
- Working with people with lived experience, fostering connections, relationships and working in co-production are all key.