

Australia delivers first aged care digital plan

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The Australian government has released its first Aged Care Data and Digital Strategy. The strategy sets out the vision for embracing innovation and harnessing the power of data and digital technologies to improve the care and wellbeing of older people in Australia.

The focus is on preserving choice and leveraging technology to make in person and face-to-face services more accessible and efficient.

Aged care workers and service providers will benefit from improved use of aged care data and a reduction in administrative burden, increasing the time workers can spend on direct, person-centred, care for older people.

As well as short-term solutions, the strategy looks to build critical data and digital foundations, such as artificial intelligence (AI) frameworks for aged care and put in place appropriate measures to protect and secure privacy.

A detailed action plan has also been published to provide further information on how the Strategy will be implemented. This plan will be updated regularly with progress reporting and any new data and digital improvement activities.