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Whilst I can appreciate that some of these technological advances will come to fruition and more emphasis will be placed on care in the home, using these technological advances, I am concerned that the elderly will be not able to either understand or use simple gadgets.

Someone of 90 in 2018 is now 78 and many people of that age are computer illiterate now. Few people over 80 take on change, and are indeed unable to absorb new technology.

Having a mother in law of 79, and an aunt of 88, neither are now capable of understanding instructions to new devices any more, neither use a cash machine or know their pin number.

I spent three weeks trying to teach my 90 year old mother how to use the remote of her television when she had to have a new set (she muddled her hands free telephone with her TV remote) she never did learn how to use it. Neither could I teach her how to use a simple tape recorder so that she could listen to music.

Eyesight, touch and deftness are also factors to be considered.

Nothing replaces human contact for the elderly, and whilst I grasp new technology with enthusiasm (I am 62 and more computer literate than most of my age group) I think great care has to be taken when undertaking any change in the care of the elderly.

I do look forward to speaking to my doctor via the telly though!