

## Document 1

### HOW ROBOT CARERS COULD BE THE FUTURE FOR LONELY ELDERLY<sup>1</sup> PEOPLE

Studies have shown that help could come from social robots – autonomous robots trained to interact and communicate with humans.

As growing numbers of elderly people require care, researchers believe that robots could be one way to address the overwhelming<sup>2</sup> demand. But while robots might be able to provide care and, in some cases, social interaction, many wonder if they really are the right solution to this uniquely human issue. [...]

Loneliness and social isolation are already problems for many seniors and are even linked to cognitive decline<sup>3</sup> and a higher death rate. With the population of seniors expected to rise, many worry that experiences of loneliness will increase, especially if access to care is even more limited. [...]

#### ***Carers of the future?***

Before social robots can be fully integrated into care homes, researchers and service providers must address public anxiety and make it clear that robots are designed to assist social workers, not replace them. As long as humans remain in full control to prevent any danger, robots might well be the future of care.

*www.independent.co.uk*, December, 2018

1. elderly: âgé
2. overwhelming: important
3. cognitive decline: diminution des facultés cérébrales

## Document 2



*www.senup.com/blog*, 2021

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