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Ingram's book reaches back into history to tell the story of how such transforming endeavours have evolved and are approached, from both local and global design and governance perspectives, and how they are being adopted across the world: people are as important to this narrative as technology. But his book is not only a history of the past, it is a guiding light for the future. These experiences and achievements illuminate a path forward over the coming decades, building on this incremental approach. Ingram explores the sustainable design and support of a proposed citizen-centred care information utility, and how and by whom such can be created and sustained, as health care and information technology continue to combine to create the services of tomorrow.

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