# Evaluative Framework for AI tools

| **Evaluation Area** | **Key Questions** |
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| **1. Relevance of tool** | * How does this tool compare to alternatives?
* Is it the best tool for your purpose?
* How does it impact on skill acquisition?
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| **2. Prompting and input rights** | * Tip: Use TAP & TASTE for effective prompting.
* Are your prompts or inputs added to the service?
* Do you provide the vendor with rights to your inputs?
* Do you need to be the rights owner of any inputs?
* Do you have ethical approval to input your research data?
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| **3. Outputs** | * How useful is the output?
* Are the outputs accurate?
* Are there any limits on what you can do with outputs?
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| **4. Policy compliance and ethics** | * Does use of the tool comply with funder policies?
* Does use of the tool comply with publisher policies?
* Does it comply with institutional policies?
* Does use of the tool raise any ethical concerns?
* Is my choice of tool the most environmentally sustainable option?
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| **5. Corpus** | * Is the underlying data suitable for your needs?
* Is it transparent what the model has been trained on?
* What bias may be in the corpus?
* Are the date periods for the corpus suitable for your needs?
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| **6. Costs** | * How much does the tool cost?
* Do you have institutional access?
* What would you do if high charges started to be charged for a free product?
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| **7. Terms, conditions & data security** | Do the terms and conditions raise any issues regarding:* Intellectual Property rights of inputs/outputs?
* Accessibility standards not being met?
* Are you indemnifying the supplier?
* UK Data protection laws not being met?

Go to our AI Tools Licensing Review Guidance {link to page} for more information on how to review terms and conditions of AI tools that you have identified and would now like to register for or purchase.  |

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