MeHe: A Mental Health bot for discord - Sustainability Evaluation

This software evaluation report is for your software: MeHe: A Mental Health bot for discord. It is a list of recommendations that are based on the survey questions to which you answered "no".

If no text appears below this paragraph, it means you must already be following all of the recommendations made in our evaluation. That's fantastic! We'd love to hear from you, because your project would make a perfect case study. Please get in touch (info@software.ac.uk)!

Question 3.1: Is your software available as a package that can be deployed without building it?
Building software can be complicated and time-consuming. Providing your software as a package that can be deployed without building it can save users the time and effort of doing this themselves. This can be especially valuable if your users are not software developers.
You should test that your software builds and runs on all the platforms it is meant to support, which means you will already have created packages that can be distributed to your users!
See our guide on Ready for release? A checklist for developers (http://www.software.ac.uk/resources/guides/ready-release).
If you're interested in the consequences of ignoring your users' needs, see our guide on How to frustrate your users, annoy other developers and please lawyers (http://www.software.ac.uk/resources/guides/how-frustrate-your-users-annoy-other-developers-and-please-lawyers).

Question 14.4: Do contributors keep the copyright/IP of their contributions?
Asking contributors to sign over their copyright and intellectual property to your project or organisation can put off users from contributing. It, in effect, asks them to give away ownership of something that may be novel and which may represent a key aspect of their research. Allowing contributors to keep their own copyright and intellectual property removes this barrier, thereby making contribution a more attractive option. It also contributes to promoting a community round your software – everyone sharing their outputs rather than handing them over to a select group.
For information on how to manage contributions, see OSS Watch's Contributor Licence Agreements (http://oss-watch.ac.uk/resources/cla).