

Action from ECLS on 19 September 2023	
Agenda Item No:	16
Report Title	Question Time – Connecting Scotland and Digital Lending Libraries
Responsible Officer:	Andy Hall
Information Sought:	Response:
<p>Councillor Warren sought clarification on whether the Council had applied to the 2 funding streams via Connecting Scotland and does Moray offer any digital lending libraries particularly in the more rural locations.</p>	<p>In May 2020 (phase 1) 12 devices received to people at a high clinical risk of Covid, in August 2020 (phase 2) 184 devices to young care leavers and families with children, in June 2021 (phase 3) 2 devices connected to employability and this was managed through Moray Pathways. For these phases no funding was received it was the devices that we received.</p> <p>The latest Connecting Scotland phase, launched on 29 August 2023, provides funding for organisations to expand existing digital lending libraries. We are currently considering whether we are eligible to apply.</p> <p>We have received funding through the Digital Health stream of the Moray Growth Deal in regards to expanding the Near Me Service (secure form of video consulting for use by NHS) – this will include a device lending pilot for those living in more rural localities.</p>

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