

Scotland's Digital Future: Delivery of Public Services

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Name of Strategy:	Scotland's Digital Future - Delivery of Public Services
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URL:	http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2012/09/6272
Key words:	Digital first -approach; collaboration; citizen focus; shared standards and interoperability; motivated, digitally literate workforce; re-use of existing resources; joint-up thinking; networked communication; innovation
Why does this strategy exist? (what's the problem/opportunity this stems from)	<p>Need to support public service reform that focuses on achieving outcomes with more efficiency. The four pillars of reform:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) decisive shift towards prevention – preventing problems before they arise 2) collaboration and integration - supporting greater integration of public services at a local level 3) workforce development and effective leadership – new ways of working 4) improving performance through greater transparency, innovation and use of digital tech. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital public services and cost effective use of ICT – crucial role in all the pillars.
Summary:	<p>Scotland's national digital public services strategy and action plan is a key part of the public service reform programme.</p> <p>It signals a way in which public bodies can collaborate to ensure that services – whether at national or local level – can be truly joined up to meet the needs of the users of our public services, the citizens of Scotland.</p> <p>This strategy sets out a vision for Scotland where digital technology provides a foundation for public services that meet the needs of the user – that means responsive services where organisations are working together across sectors.</p>
Key goals and means to achieve them:	Our vision for Scotland is a country in which:

- digital technology (DT) provides a foundation for innovative, integrated public services that cross organisational boundaries and deliver to those in most need, and for services for business that promote growth
- DT captures patterns of service use and feedback, so that users of public service are more directly involved in service design and improvement
- this use of digital technologies provides a firm basis for a shared commitment to, and responsibility for, public services

Objectives:

- use DT to redesign services and better meet people's needs, including the opportunity for citizens to have more control over when and how they access services
- deploy DT in ways that reduce the cost of services to the user and provider
- deliver services and manage data in a way that supports businesses and provides new business opportunities and contributes to economic growth

To achieve this, the public sector will:

- adopt "digital first" approach – everything that can be delivered online, will be delivered online;
- collaborative working to simplify and join-up services, utilizing the possibilities offered by DT where possible;
- shared standards and interoperability affording both local, national and international collaboration;
- have a motivated, digitally literate workforce
- joint-up thinking in procurement with re-use as first principle
- have a public sector network supporting resilient high-volume and high-speed communication.

Expected outcomes:	<p>Citizens of Scotland will find it easy to access digital services and be confident in doing so because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services are well designed and useable • There is a choice of channels to access them • Assistance is available to those who need it • Services will continually improve because providers act on the feedback and performance analysis that digital tech allows where needs are complex; receive a response that is coordinated and personalised through effective and appropriate use of information and the supporting tech; • They can be confident that service are resilient and that personal information will be kept secure.
Key quotes:	<p>“Digital is a vital resource in delivering the desired outcomes of key reform initiatives. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and social care – professionals require a robust digital network that enables data sharing to support integrated health and social care services to the patient • Education – developing a user-centred environment to ensure Scotland’s teachers, learners and parents can take full advantage of opportunities offered by digital services • Police and fire reform – protecting and improving local services by stopping duplication of support services and creating more equal access”
Parent/child document (of what)?	<p>Relates to: “Renewing Scotland’s Public Services” & “The Scottish Economic Recovery Plan: Update February 2011”</p> <p>Aligns with: “Response to the McClelland Review of ICT Infrastructure in the Public Sector in Scotland”</p> <p>Child of: “Scotland’s Digital Future: S Strategy for Scotland” (2011)</p>