

Digital Lifelines Scotland — Devices & Connectivity for People Affected by Drug Use and Homelessness

Digital Inclusion · Good practice · United Kingdom

Quality score: 96/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

Launched in 2021 with £1.5m of Scottish Government funding, Digital Lifelines Scotland has distributed 3,044 devices and 3,845 connectivity packages to 5,502 people affected by drug use and homelessness, with impact confirmed by a peer-reviewed 2024 Harm Reduction Journal study.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Innovation level	4/5
Sustainability (ongoing)	1/1
Evaluation evidence	1/1
Demonstrated reach	1/1
Documented learning	1/1

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

C-NAPSE web research — accessed 2026-07-09

Digital Health & Care Innovation Centre (DHI), funded by the Scottish Government Drugs Policy Division — accessed 2026-07-09

DHI Scotland — Digital Lifelines Scotland programme — accessed 2026-07-09

Harm Reduction Journal (peer-reviewed, PMC) — accessed 2026-07-09

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