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Foreword

We know how important it is for homes, businesses and our vital public services to have fast and reliable digital connectivity. We're focusing on rolling out gamechanging gigabit broadband to ensure people across Britain can get the connectivity they need for decades to come. We know the shift will deliver a huge leap forward - opening up infinite possibilities for technology, healthcare, education and more.

As family and friends come together over the festive season to stream their favourite Christmas films, and shop online - battling bandwidth could be a common occurrence for many households across the country. Thanks to the hard work of the telecoms industry and government action, gigabit coverage across the UK has increased rapidly in recent years - from one in ten households in 2019 to nearly eight in ten today. These gigabit networks enable entire families to use multiple digital devices at the same time without any disruption but also support businesses to boost growth and innovation.

We have made rapid strides with the rollout of Project Gigabit, working with a dynamic range of telecom providers of all sizes to deliver one of the largest ever upgrades to our digital infrastructure. Since our first contract signature in North Dorset last August to the latest £33.4m signing in Derbyshire today - the

UK government has invested over £660m to connect over 400,000 rural premises to the digital fast line. Alongside Derbyshire, in recent months, we have signed contracts in Oxfordshire and North East Staffordshire. We are not resting on our laurels with hundreds of thousands more homes and businesses set to benefit as part of our mission to level up digital connectivity across the UK.

The publication of Building Digital UK's first Annual Report and Accounts marks an important milestone for the organisation responsible for the rollout of broadband to areas where the commercial market won't reach. I'm delighted to see that BDUK exceeded its target for the year, passing 162,600 rural homes and businesses with gigabit-capable broadband. This excellent progress means that in total, BDUK has now delivered gigabit connectivity to over 900,000 premises across the UK that would have otherwise missed out - underlining how this work is more important than ever.

The difference that fast, reliable broadband makes to local communities is clear to see – especially if you're in an area where good connectivity has been hard to come by in the past. In November, I visited Wychwood library in North Witney, Oxfordshire, to see first hand how local residents in the community are benefiting from an upgraded broadband connection as part of our GigaHubs programme.

The new gigabit-capable infrastructure has enabled the library to decrease operating expenses and improve energy efficiency, resulting in cost savings and a more productive environment for both staff and visitors. Working in partnership with Oxfordshire County Council, the GigaHubs programme will help improve the delivery of public services across the county. GPs will be able to provide remote video consultations and whole classes of schoolchildren can be online at once with no interruptions. It's great to see the positive impact Project Gigabit is making to our vital public services.

We are committed to delivering high-speed connectivity to all four corners of the UK - ensuring rural communities have the same chances and opportunities as our towns and cities. We have been working closely with our counterparts in the devolved administrations and I'm pleased to announce that we have now added Project Gigabit procurements in Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales to the Project Gigabit pipeline.

2024 will be an important year for the country's gigabit future. BDUK has worked hard to identify the premises most in need of subsidised gigabit connectivity and is working with a range of suppliers to roll out broadband to these hard-to-reach areas. Throughout 2024, we will need to continue to work with our partners to target the areas of greatest need and complement suppliers' own commercial delivery plans. Project Gigabit is a true partnership and together, we are transforming lives for generations to come.

Sir John Whittingdale MP, Minister for Data and Digital Infrastructure

Summary

Project Gigabit continues to make good progress. We now have 16 contracts in place, and combined with our procurements running across the country, this represents over £2 billion of investment to support the deployment of gigabitcapable broadband to over 1.1 million premises in hard-to-reach areas across the UK.

Since our September 2023 update we have:

- signed four regional and local contracts including in North East Staffordshire, North Oxfordshire, South Oxfordshire and Derbyshire. Combined, these contracts represent £76 million of government investment to deliver gigabitcapable broadband to up to 33,000 premises
- added potential Project Gigabit procurements in Scotland and Northern Ireland to the procurement pipeline which will cover up to 160,000 premises
- published three evaluation and research reports looking at the impacts, costs and benefits of our legacy programmes

Additionally, [ThinkBroadband \(https://www.thinkbroadband.com/\)](https://www.thinkbroadband.com/) reports that over 79% of UK premises are now able to access a gigabit-capable connection.

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On 21 November, BDUK published its first Annual Report and Accounts, reporting our performance during the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.

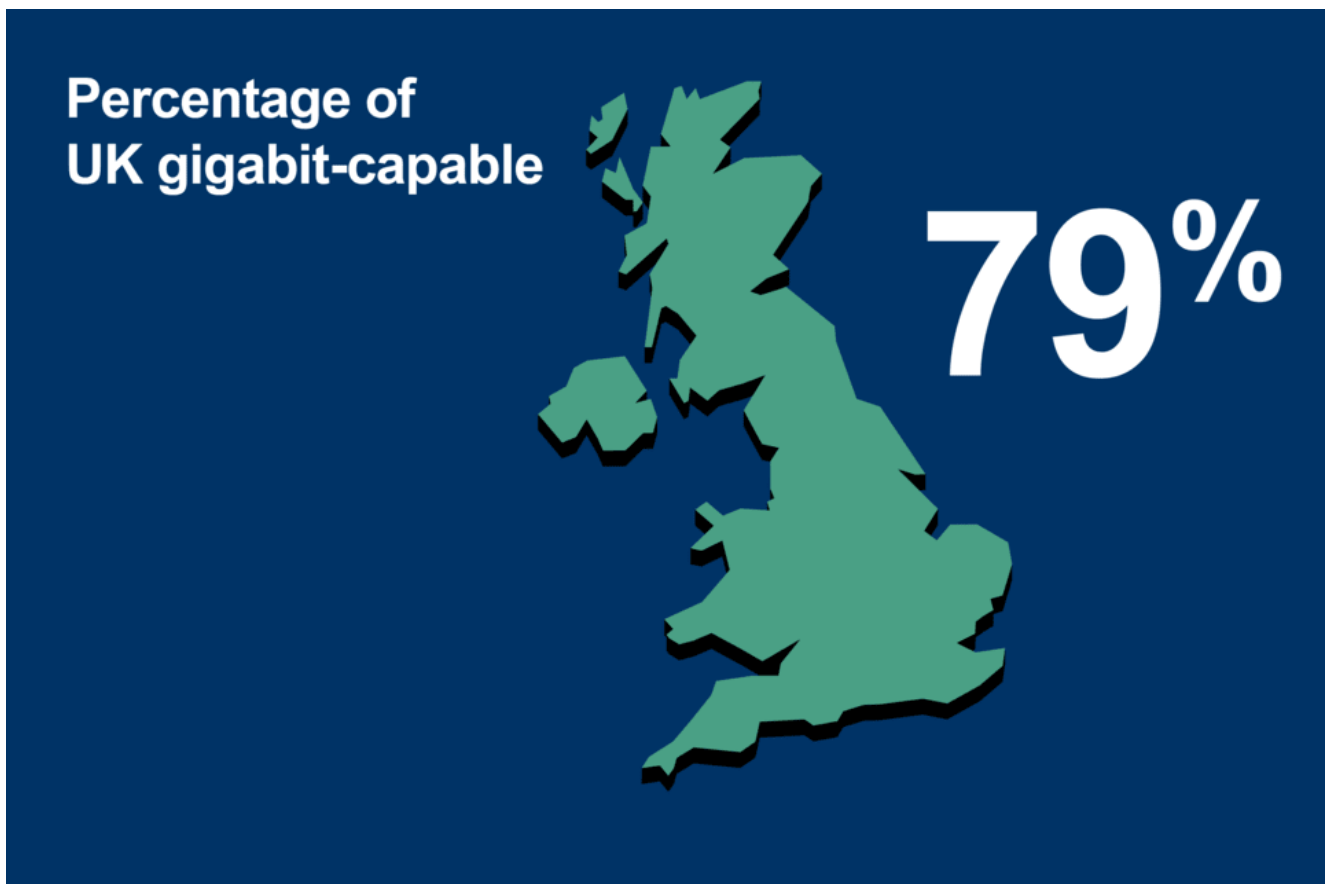
We exceeded our Project Gigabit delivery target for the year, passing 162,600 premises with gigabit-capable broadband (against the minimum target trajectory of 133,000 set out in our latest [Corporate Plan \(https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/bduk-corporate-plan-2023-to-2026/bdukcorporate-plan-2023-to-2026#overall-objectives-for-2023-to-2026\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/bduk-corporate-plan-2023-to-2026/bdukcorporate-plan-2023-to-2026#overall-objectives-for-2023-to-2026)). In total, we reported that we have delivered gigabit connectivity to 929,700 premises by the end of March 2023, in mostly hard-to-reach communities across the UK.



The analysis in the performance report shows that our interventions remain highly targeted at the hardest to reach premises in the UK:

- 146,000 (90%) of the premises passed in 2022 to 2023 were in areas classified as “rural”
- 99,300 (61%) of the premises covered by BDUK subsidies last year previously only had access to sub-superfast connections

For further information, please visit this [link](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/building-digital-uk-annual-report-andaccounts-2022-to-2023) (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/building-digital-uk-annual-report-andaccounts-2022-to-2023>).



Progress towards a gigabit UK

This section outlines the level of gigabit-capable coverage across the devolved administrations, in urban and rural areas, by supplier and by residential and business premises.

Data from Ofcom's Connected Nations shows the progress in expanding gigabit-capable broadband to premises across the country. Ofcom is expected to update its Connected Nations report in December 2023, and therefore the figures that feature in this report are the same as published in our September update.

More recent coverage data provided by ThinkBroadband at a devolved administration level shows growth in every part of the UK. Since September 2023, gigabit capable coverage in Northern Ireland has grown by 0.7 points, Scotland by 1.5 points, Wales by 2 points, and England by 1.5 points.

The information we outline is based on two broadband coverage data sources:

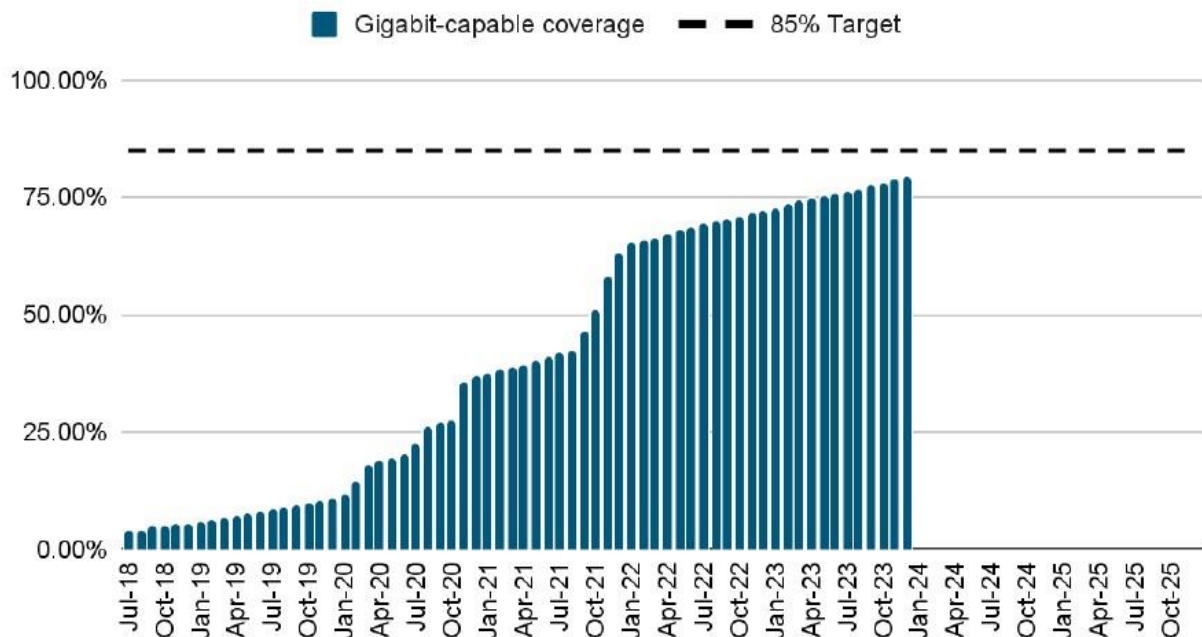
- independent website ThinkBroadband.com, which provides the most up-to-date information on national coverage, and is used to provide national and regional coverage statistics. This was sourced in December 2023 and represents the latest coverage snapshot up to that date

- Ofcom data collected in September 2023 for Connected Nations 2023, which is the most up-to-date source of coverage broken down by residential and business premises, as well as rural and urban premises
- the graph below shows how gigabit coverage has increased since July 2018, and how this tracks against our forecast trajectory, combining BDUK and commercial delivery, towards our coverage target

The UK gigabit-capable coverage trajectory chart outlines our progress towards our goal of 85% of the UK having access to gigabit-capable speeds by 2025. Coverage currently sits at 79%, and we remain on track to deliver the target of gigabit capable connectivity to at least 85% of UK premises by the end of 2025.

UK gigabit-capable coverage trajectory (Source: DSIT analysis, ThinkBroadband. Data is accurate as of 4 December 2023.)

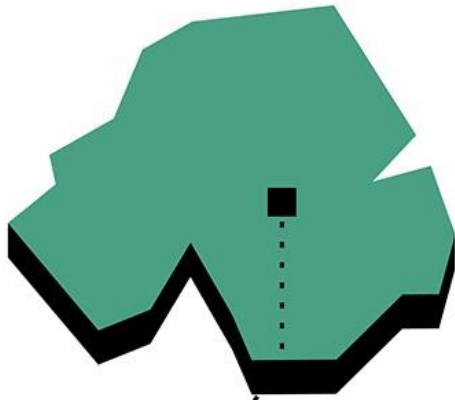
UK gigabit capable coverage trajectory



At over 79% gigabit capable coverage, we remain on track to deliver the target of gigabit capable connectivity to at least 85% of UK premises by the end of 2025.

Combined commercial and residential gigabit-capable coverage across the devolved administrations (Source: ThinkBroadband, December 2023) and broken down by rurality and type of infrastructure (Source: Ofcom, Connected Nations Report Update, September 2023. Data accurate as of May 2023.)

Northern Ireland



94%

Percentage of gigabit-capable coverage per nation

Urban



Number of urban premises that are gigabit-capable



Number of urban premises that have full-fibre



Rural



Number of rural premises that are gigabit-capable



Number of rural premises that have full-fibre



England



80%

Percentage of gigabit-capable coverage per nation

Urban



Number of urban premises that are gigabit-capable



Number of urban premises that have full-fibre



Rural



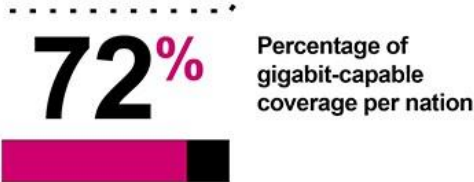
Number of rural premises that are gigabit-capable



Number of rural premises that have full-fibre



Scotland



Urban



Number of urban premises that are gigabit-capable



Number of urban premises that have full-fibre



Rural



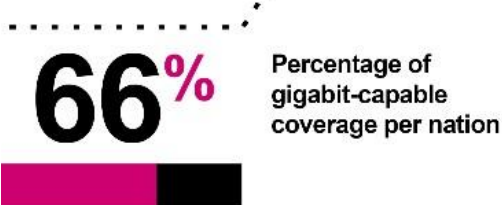
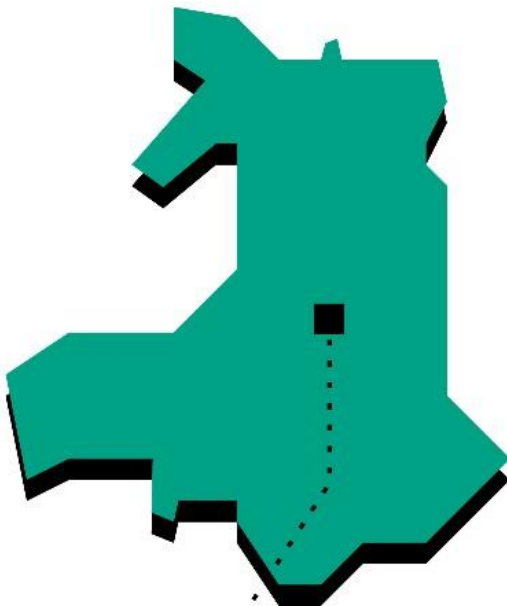
Number of rural premises that are gigabit-capable



Number of rural premises that have full-fibre



Wales



Urban



Number of urban premises that are gigabit-capable



Number of urban premises that have full-fibre



Rural



Number of rural premises that are gigabit-capable

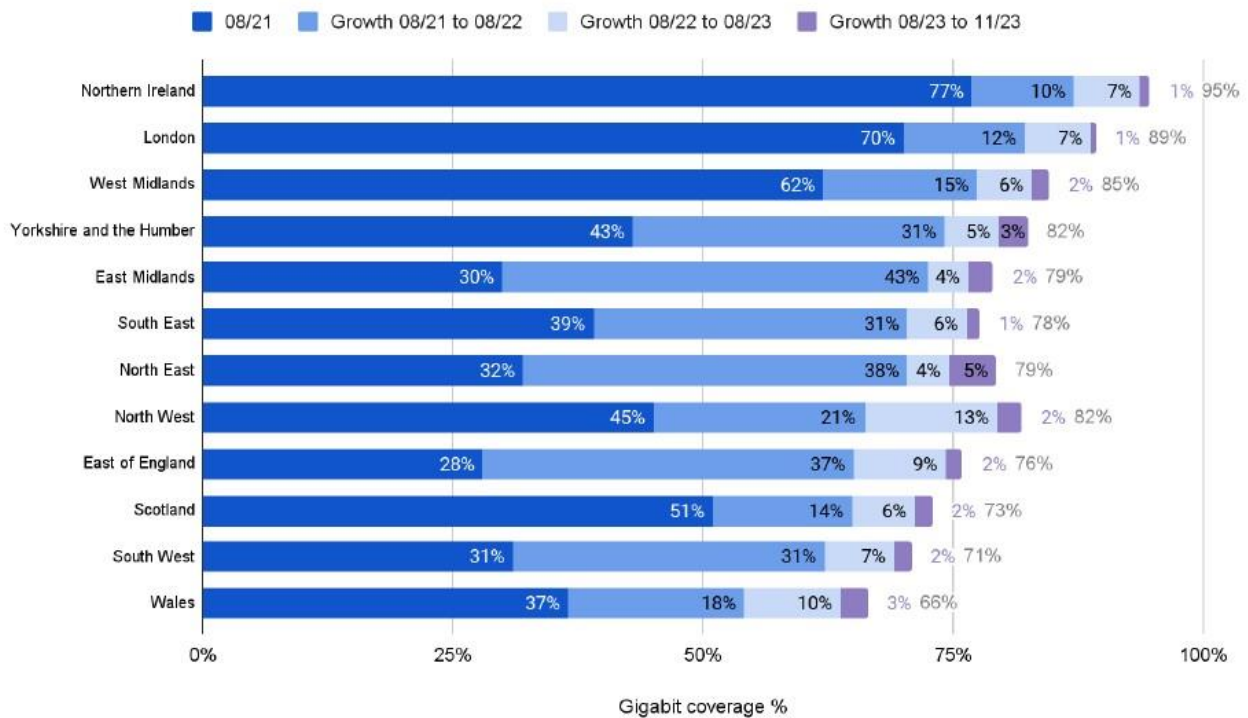


Number of rural premises that have full-fibre



The most significant regional growth since our last update in September 2023 has been in the North East, where an additional 5% of premises now have access to gigabit capable connectivity since our last update. Despite having a large number of hard to reach premises in rural areas, this moves the North East from the eighth to sixth most gigabit capable region within the UK.

Gigabit-capable coverage by region and devolved administration, previous 12 months growth [Source: ThinkBroadband, 4th December 2023]



In September 2023 (the latest date for which this information was collected by Ofcom), 51% of business premises had access to gigabit-capable broadband. This comprises 28% of business premises coverage in rural areas and 55% in urban areas.

Gigabit-capable coverage by business premises - (Source: Ofcom, Connected Nations Report Update, September 2023. Data accurate as of May 2023)



Update on Project Gigabit Delivery Plans

Project Gigabit procurements

Since our September 2023 progress update, we have signed a further four contracts covering North East Staffordshire, North Oxfordshire, South Oxfordshire, and Derbyshire. In total these contracts represent £76m of government investment to deliver gigabit-capable broadband to up to 33,000 premises that would otherwise miss out. We now have 16 signed Project Gigabit contracts worth over £660 million covering over 400,000 premises. We expect to finalise further contracts in the coming months.

We continue to consult the market to understand interest for delivering gigabitcapable connectivity supported by government subsidy in the remaining parts of Shropshire, East Surrey, Essex and Herefordshire, where commercial deployment will not reach.

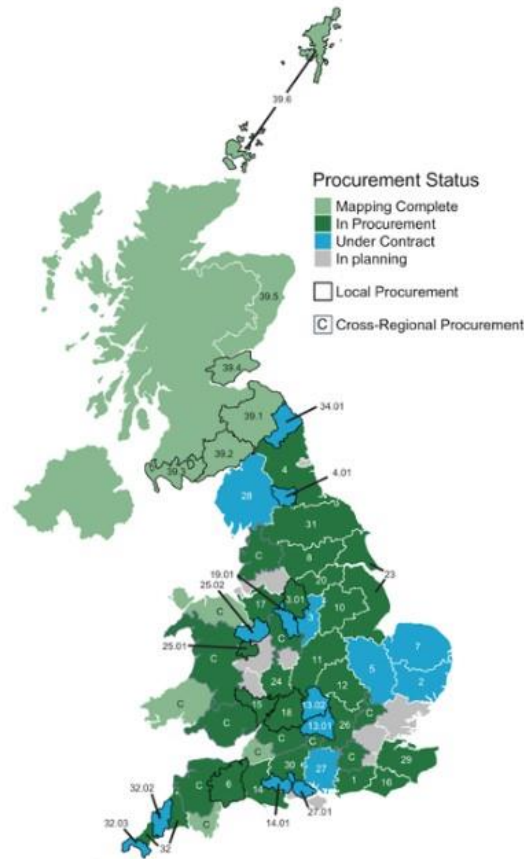
The supplier initially awarded a contract to roll out Project Gigabit in the North East is no longer in a position to sign the contract that it had bid for.

The latest national Open Market Review (OMR) - our survey of suppliers' commercial build plans across the UK - ran from 15 September until 16 October and responses are currently being evaluated and assured.

Project Gigabit Procurement Progress [Source: BDUK. Data is accurate as of 12 December 2023.]



Project Gigabit Intervention Areas Map



Gigabit Vouchers

Gigabit vouchers continue to deliver connectivity across the UK. More than 108,000 vouchers have been used to fund a connection so far through current and previous schemes. BDUK continues to work closely with suppliers, supporting new applications for voucher projects in suitable areas.



Public Sector Hub upgrades

Working in partnership with Oxfordshire County Council, our public sector hub project across Oxfordshire has completed delivery to 45 sites. The high-speed connectivity will help improve the delivery of public services across the county. For example, GPs will be able to provide remote video consultations and whole classes of schoolchildren can be online at once with no interruptions. The project in Dorset has provided connectivity to 19 sites and is due to be completed by the end of December 2023, while the project in Leicestershire has started and eight sites have already been connected, with the remainder set to be delivered by March 2024.

The Department for Education's procurement is now well advanced for a project to provide connectivity to schools across England outside of suppliers' commercial build plans. With commercial delivery and Project Gigabit rollout expanding deeper into hard-to-reach areas, we have updated the number of schools that will require support from BDUK. In total, more than 800 schools are in scope to benefit from this project, with delivery expected to start in early 2024 and complete by March 2026.

One of the evaluation reports we recently published studied the impact of our Rural Gigabit Connectivity hubs programme in schools. Schools surveyed reported that both administrative and teaching activities were benefiting from the faster connection, with 60% of respondents seeing workloads reduced as technological changes enabled by their new connections are adopted by schools. Overall, 95% of survey respondents felt positive about technology and

pupil attainment, believing either that improved technology contributed to pupil attainment or expected it to do so in the future.

Project Gigabit across the Union

BDUK's Annual Report and Accounts includes a breakdown of our delivery across the Union in 2022 to 2023. Across Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, 68,100 premises gained access to gigabit capable connectivity through publicly-funded delivery - an average of nearly 200 per day. Premises passed for each nation in 2022 to 2023 are shown below.

Scotland

Following the publication of the Public Review in September 2023, the Scottish Government and BDUK carried out a pre-procurement market engagement exercise, seeking feedback from suppliers on potential Project Gigabit procurements in Scotland. Initial findings suggest that there is potential supplier interest in one regional procurement and five local procurements in the following areas; Borders, Midlothian, East Lothian Dumfries & Galloway, Fife, Perth & Kinross, Orkney, Shetland, Dundee, Aberdeenshire and Moray Coast.

BDUK will be looking at options for the rest of Scotland in more detail in 2024, and will be dependent on further market engagement activity.

The Scottish Government has also launched a [consultation](https://www.gov.scot/publications/new-build-developments-delivering-gigabit-capableconnections/) (<https://www.gov.scot/publications/new-build-developments-delivering-gigabit-capableconnections/>), which closed on 12 December 2023, on proposals to equip new build homes with gigabit-ready infrastructure.

The Scottish Government's £600 million Reaching 100% Programme (R100), which has received £49.5 million of UK government funding, has now provided gigabit connectivity to over 37,000 premises across Scotland.

Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme projects continue to be built in Scotland. To date, 4,600 vouchers have been used to deliver a gigabit-capable connection to homes and businesses outside of suppliers' commercial build plans.

Wales

Areas across North West Wales, Mid Wales and South East Wales are included within the cross-regional procurement that launched in July 2023. North Wales and South West Wales will also be included within a further cross-regional procurement once a contract is in place. Further proposals for voucher projects

in South West Wales are currently being considered by BDUK ahead of this process beginning.

As of the end of November 2023, BDUK has connected 3,800 homes and businesses in parts of Wales using vouchers. The Welsh Government's Superfast Cymru programme has completed delivery of gigabit-capable infrastructure in Wales and in total, across all contracts, has provided just under 100,000 premises with access to gigabit-capable broadband.

Northern Ireland

Project Stratum continues to build ahead of target, having delivered gigabitcapable broadband to 74,000 of the 84,000 contracted premises to date. ThinkBroadband reports that full fibre coverage across Northern Ireland has reached 94%, and both Project Stratum and Project Gigabit will help close the remaining connectivity gap, where required.

The Public Review for Project Gigabit closed in July 2023 and supplier returns have since been evaluated by the Department for Economy (DfE), supported by BDUK. In turn, work on the Intervention Area design and costing has now begun. Once completed, the procurement process will get under way. The release of tender documentation for appropriate interventions is anticipated in early 2024.

Relevant policy, legislative and regulatory update

Smart Infrastructure Pilots Programme (SIPP)

In June DSIT launched the SIPP competition for local authority-led pilots to help better understand the benefits of utilising street furniture and other assets for network deployment. Six local authorities were awarded a total of over £1.3 million, with successful projects ranging from smart poles in Cambridgeshire and Oxfordshire, to the connection and digital regeneration of Irvine Harbour in North Ayrshire.

The programme supports the implementation of our [UK Wireless Infrastructure Strategy](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-wireless-infrastructurestrategy/uk-wireless-infrastructure-strategy) (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-wireless-infrastructurestrategy/uk-wireless-infrastructure-strategy>), which sets out a clear vision for how advanced wireless infrastructure can become an integral part of

the fabric of the UK's economy and society by 2030, and how we want people, business and public services across the UK to realise the full benefits of 5G and other advanced wireless connectivity.

Barrier Busting

Work is ongoing to implement the telecommunications provisions within the Product Security and Telecommunications Infrastructure Act 2022. In November, new provisions came into force, allowing courts to impose modified terms on an interim basis where the renewal terms of an agreement are disputed; and encouraging the use of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) as a means of reaching consensual agreements without court proceedings. The Government implemented additional regulations in November that will allow all Code disputes to commence in the First-tier Tribunal from spring next year. This should speed up and reduce the cost of litigation where this proves necessary. DSIT continues to work at pace on implementation of the remaining provisions in the Act.

DSIT continues to work with DfT to trial more flexible street works permits. An independent contractor has been appointed to scope and evaluate the trials, and is currently engaging with stakeholders to inform that process. The trials themselves are expected to begin in early 2024, and the department is working with suppliers to understand where subsidised build could be included in the programme.

Very Hard To Reach Premises

On Monday 2 October, the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT), launched two consultations, one on the Broadband Universal Service Obligation (USO) and one setting out the government's proposed policy approach to connecting Very Hard to Reach (VHTR) premises across the UK. Both consultations were launched simultaneously to enable DSIT to ensure that policy objectives are aligned across both areas. The consultations closed on 27 November. The Department will issue a response to both consultations in the New Year.

For further information, please visit these links for the consultation on [VHTR premises](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/improving-broadband-for-veryhard-to-reach-premises) (<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/improving-broadband-for-veryhard-to-reach-premises>) and [reviewing the USO](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/reviewing-the-broadband-universalservice-obligation) (<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/reviewing-the-broadband-universalservice-obligation>).

The Department for Science, Innovation and Technology previously announced the launch of an £8 million fund to provide capital grants to further promote new

satellite connectivity to a small cohort of up to 35,000 of the very hardest to reach premises. It is the government's intention that the scheme will begin taking applications for these grants from early 2024.

The [Alpha Trial programme \(https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/very-hard-to-reach-premises-alpha-trials\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/very-hard-to-reach-premises-alpha-trials), launched in December 2022 to test the capability and viability of low earth orbit satellites to deliver high-speed connectivity, has deployed to a number of sites. We will continue to collect both qualitative and quantitative evidence as part of our policy development work.

Rural Connectivity Accelerator

In June 2023 DSIT was [awarded £7.3m funding \(https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-launches-new-drive-to-support-ruralcommunities\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-launches-new-drive-to-support-ruralcommunities) for the Rural Connectivity Accelerator, as part of a joint Shared Outcomes Fund bid with DEFRA and DCMS.

The Rural Connectivity Accelerator will test new ways to bring together satellite, wireless and fixed line internet connectivity to help support agricultural and tourism businesses to access fast, reliable connectivity in remote areas for the first time. The results of the new approaches will also help rural businesses make the most of new agricultural technologies by improving connectivity on their land, for example using new drone technology to monitor crops and livestock in real-time, support landscape and wildlife conservation efforts, or develop interactive experiences for tourists.

The programme will help to deliver up to 10 pilot projects in rural and remote areas that aim to focus on addressing high-impact barriers to deployment of hybrid (satellite-based) networks and other types of connectivity solutions. This will be based on a detailed understanding of the connectivity needs of rural and agricultural communities.

This programme has now been fully mobilised and is engaging with technology providers and potential participants. We expect to be in a position to share more information about the specific sites that will be deployed to, and the technologies that will be used, in Spring 2024.

Annex

Project Gigabit procurement pipeline

Live contracts:

Local or regional supplier procurement	Area and Lot number	Contract signature date	Estimated number of premises in scope of the contract (subject to change)	Contract value	Contractor
Local	North Dorset (Lot 14.01)	25 August 2022	7,000	£6.3 million	Wesse Interne
Local	Teesdale (Lot 4.01)	22 September 2022	4,000	£6.7 million	Gofibre
Local	North Northumberland (Lot 34.01)	14 October 2022	3,700	£7.4 million	Gofibre
Regional	Cumbria (Lot 28)	29 November 2022	59,000	£108.5 million	Fibrus
Local	Central Cornwall (Lot 32.02)	19 January 2023	9,200	£18 million	Wildan
Local	South West Cornwall (Lot 32.03)	19 January 2023	9,500	£18 million	Wildan
Regional	Cambridgeshire and adjacent areas (Lot 5)	23 March 2023	44,400	£69 million	CityFib
Local	New Forest (Lot 27.01)	27 March 2023	10,400	£13.8 million	Wesse Interne

Local or regional start date the procurement	Area and Lot Procurement premises in cross award	Contract signature date	Estimated number of premises in scope of the contract (subject to change)	Contract value of regional procurement	Contract number of regional suppliers
Local	North Shropshire (Lot 25.02)	19 April 2023	12,000	£24 million	Freedo Fibre
Regional	Norfolk (Lot 7)	28 June 2023	62,200	£114.2 million	CityFib
Regional	Suffolk (Lot 2)	28 June 2023	79,500	£100.5 million	CityFib
Regional	Hampshire (Lot 27)	28 June 2023	75,500	£104.2 million	CityFib
Local	North East Staffordshire (Lot 19.01)	31 October 2023	5,900	£16.5 million	Conne Fibre
Local	South Oxfordshire (Lot 13.01)	October 2023	5,500	£17 million	Gigacle
Local	North Oxfordshire (Lot 13.02)	October 2023	4,300	£9.4 million	Gigacle
Regional	Derbyshire (Lot 3)	November 2023	18,200	£33.4 million	Conne Fibre
Total	410,300	£666.9	(rounded) million		

Area and Lot number

Live procurements (premises numbers and contract values as of 05/12):

The tables below show the live procurements posted on the GOV.UK website.

			to change)	(subject to change)
Regional	Buckinghamshire, (part of) Hertfordshire and East of Berkshire (Lot 26)	November 2023	September 2023	34,200
Local	Mid-West Shropshire (Lot 25.01)	18 May 2023	September 2023	6,000
Regional	Bedfordshire, Northamptonshire and Milton Keynes (Lot 12)	28 February 2023	November 2023	30,300
Regional	Leicestershire and Warwickshire (Lot 11)	23 March 2023	November 2023	45,400
Regional	North East England (Lot 4)	7 November 2023	December 2023/TBC	53,200
Regional	Kent (Lot 29)	13 December 2022	December 2023 to January 2024	72,000
Regional	West and East Sussex (Lots 16 and 1)	13 January 2023	December 2023 to January 2024	62,100
Regional	West Yorkshire and York Area (Lot 8)	27 April 2023	December 2023 to January 2024	29,000
Regional	South Yorkshire	27 April 2023	December	32,400

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Local, Area and Lot Procurement Estimated Number of regional or number start date contract premises in cross award the scope of regional date the procurement			(subject to change)	procurement (subject to change)
			January 2024	
Regional	South Wiltshire (Lot 30)	17 February 2023	January 2024	19,000
Regional	Worcestershire (Lot 24)	6 October 2022	January 2024	18,400
Regional	Nottinghamshire and West of Lincolnshire (Lot 10)	24 March 2023	January 2023	35,700
Regional	Dorset and South Somerset (Lot 14)	30 May 2023	January to March 2024	22,600
Regional	Cheshire (Lot 17)	6 July 2023	January to March 2024	17,700
Local	West Herefordshire and Forest of Dean (Lot 15)	1 August 2023	January to March 2024	7,900
Local	East Gloucestershire (Lot 18)	1 August 2023	January to March 2024	4,900
Local	Peak District (Lot 3.01)	9 August 2023	January to March 2024	4,600

Local, Area and Lot Procurement Estimated Number of regional or number start date contract premises in cross award the scope of regional date the procurement

procurement			(subject	procurement
Local	Mid/East Devon and West Somerset (Lot 6)	1 September 2023	March to May 2024	6,300
			to change)	(subject to change)
Regional	Lincolnshire (including NE Lincolnshire and N Lincolnshire) and East Riding (Lot 23)	25 July 2023	April to June 2024	73,800
Regional	Cornwall and Isles of Scilly (Lot 32)	23 June 2023	April to June 2024	18,600
Regional	North Yorkshire (Lot 31)	23 June 2023	April to June 2024	39,900
Cross Regional	Lancashire North Wiltshire and South Gloucestershire West and Mid-Surrey Staffordshire West Berkshire Hertfordshire (Call-Off 1)	27 July 2023	July 2024 to September 2024	57,500
Cross Regional	West and North Devon, North West, Mid and South East Wales (Call-Off 2)	27 July 2023	July 2024 to September 2024	47,100
Total (rounded)				738,600

Area and Lot					
Upcoming procurements:					
Local or regional or cross regional procurement	Number	Procurement start date	Estimated contract award date (subject to change)	Estimated number of premises outside supplier plans (subject to change)	Indicative value (subject to change)
Cross Regional	North Wales, South West Wales, North Somerset, South West Devon (CallOff 3)	July 2024 to September 2024	March 2025 to May 2025	103,000	£21 milli
Local	South Scotland - Borders, Midlothian, East Lothian	TBC	TBC	8,800	£21 milli
Local	Dumfries & Galloway-East	TBC	TBC	7,700	£15 milli
Local	Dumfries & Galloway West	TBC	TBC	8,000	£13 milli
Local	Fife, Perth & Kinross	TBC	TBC	11,400	£21 milli
Local	Orkney & Shetland	TBC	TBC	11,300	£23 milli

Local, Area and Lot Procurement	Estimated Number of regional or number start date contract premises in cross award the scope of regional date the procurement	(subject procurement	procurement		
Regional	Dundee, Aberdeenshire & Moray Coast	TBC	TBC	57,700	£95 milli
Regional	Northern Ireland	TBC	TBC	59,000	TBC

Local or regional or cross regional procurement	Area and Lot Number	Procurement start date	Estimated contract award date (subject to change)	Estimated number of premises outside supplier plans (subject to change)	Individual value (subject to change)
Total (rounded)				266,900	£40 milli

Gigabit Vouchers Issued/Claimed

Fiscal Year	Total Vouchers issued	of which yet to be connected	of which used to fund a connection
2017 to 2018	40	0	40
2018 to 2019	6,900	0	6,900
2019 to 2020	15,800	0	15,800
2020 to 2021	18,400	0	18,400
2021 to 2022	23,600	700	22,900

2022 to 2023	34,000	8,500	25,500
2023 to 2024 (p)	31,100	12,300	18,700
TOTAL	129,800	21,600	108,200

Source: BDUK as of December 2023

(p) - Provisional

Notes:

1. Figures rounded to the nearest 100, except for 2017/18
2. Removal of 2 vouchers from 2021/22 figures due to voucher status change

Public Sector Hubs*

- Please note that Local Full Fibre Networks (LFFN) figures have been revised up by 800 from the [2022 to 2023 BDUK Performance Report \(https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/building-digital-uk-annual-report-andaccounts-2022-to-2023\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/building-digital-uk-annual-report-andaccounts-2022-to-2023), due to a data processing error.

Fiscal Year	Rural Gigabit Connectivity	LFFN (r)	GigaHubs	Total (r)
2017 to 2018	0	0	0	0
2018 to 2019	0	10	0	10
2019 to 2020 (r)	20	300	0	330
2020 to 2021 (r)	220	1,360	0	1,580
2021 to 2022 (r)	770	2,540	10	3,310

2022 to 2023 (r)	<5	10	40	50
2023 to 2024 (r)	0	0	20	20
Total (r)	1,000	4,220	70	5,290

Source: BDUK as of December 2023

(p) - Provisional (r) - Revised <5 - denotes delivery of fewer than 5 hubs, but more than 0

Notes:

1. Figures rounded to the nearest 10
2. LFFN includes only hubs whereas we previously also reported assets
3. Gigahubs delivered are counted when status moves to “build - not live” and a connection date is present
4. These figures have been aligned with our reporting approach for the performance report
5. Total LFFN figures have been revised up by 800 from the 2022/23 Annual Report and Accounts. This was due to a data processing error

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1. Data used from the independent website ThinkBroadband throughout this report can be accessed through the following link:

<https://labs.thinkbroadband.com/local/> (<https://labs.thinkbroadband.com/local/>)

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