

<b>1. What impact will or might the proposal have on the rights of children and young people?</b>	
The Digital Strategy intends to ensure equitable access to digital services for all residents of South Ayrshire, with particular attention to children and young people. Incorporating these digital initiatives, while respecting children's rights, ensures they have access to information, services, and opportunities vital for their growth and development.	
<b>2. Will the rights of one group of children in particular be affected?</b>	
Children and young people in areas with limited digital infrastructure or from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds may see a significant positive shift. The strategy aims to bridge the digital divide, ensuring every child has the means and skills to access digital resources.	
<b>3. Are there competing interests between the groups of children or between children and other groups?</b>	
While the Strategy prioritises children's access, it might be perceived that more resources are channelled towards youth digital programs. However, the essence is to ensure children and young people, who might be more vulnerable to digital exclusion, are on par with other demographics.	
<b>4. How does the proposal relate to, promote, or inhibit the provisions of the UNCRC, other relevant international treaties and standards, or domestic law?</b>	
The Digital Strategy aligns with the UNCRC's emphasis on the right to access information (Article 17). It champions children's right to participate in the digital realm safely and fruitfully. The Strategy also underscores the importance of safeguarding children online and educating them about potential digital risks.	
<b>5. How does the proposal contribute to the achievement of national goals for children and young people?</b>	
The Strategy complements Scotland's vision of empowering its younger generation with digital literacy. By ensuring children and young people in South Ayrshire are digitally equipped, we're reinforcing their capacity to thrive in a progressively digital Scotland.	
<b>6. What overall impact will the proposal entail other policy areas or agendas, or other professionals or groups in their work with children?</b>	
The Strategy promotes interdisciplinary collaboration. Educators, caregivers, and IT professionals will come together, ensuring that children's digital experiences are safe, educational, and in line with their rights. It can serve as a template for other policy areas to integrate digital solutions while upholding children's rights.	
<b>7. Is follow-up evaluation/monitoring of the proposal and its implementation required?</b>	
Yes. Regular assessments will be presented to the South Ayrshire HSCP Board, ensuring the strategy's objectives are being met and children's rights are consistently upheld in the evolving digital landscape.	
<b>8. Is research required to assess the proposal's impact on children once implemented?</b>	
Yes. Engaging with children and young people, educators, and guardians will be crucial. Their feedback will guide refinements to the Strategy, ensuring it remains responsive to the actual needs and experiences of the younger populace in South Ayrshire.	
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