

Population

10043

Child Poverty

212

Unemployed

2.0%

Older People in Poverty

20.3%

Older People Living Alone

32.1%

Can not Speak English

0.1%

IMD Ward Rank (/25)

22

IMD Score

20.10

Income Deprivation

13.1%

Ave. Download Speed

105.99

% of prem unable to receive 30Mbit/s

3.8%

Digital Inclusion Scoreboard

Doxford

Existing Digital Provision

The Box Youth and Community Project offers Wi-Fi access, along with access to digital devices.

USKPF bid approved to develop a Community Digital Health Hub at The Box Y&C Project, which will improve connectivity, provide access to digital devices, upskill the workforce and volunteers, and set up a community esports hubs for the East area.

Working with Schools on digital careers, work placements and T-qualifications

Currently building links with VCS organisations, including schools to provide further support

Encouraging organisations to share activities to a centralised hub to support social prescribing to raise awareness of support available

Mill Hill and Benedict Biscop are members of the NCCE

Challenges to Address

Local insights suggests that limited digital connectivity and digital skills are common barriers to digital inclusion.

People more at risk of digital exclusion are children and young people; older people, people with disabilities and people on low wages.

Doxford is registered in the top 10 wards on the Digital Exclusion Risk Index as having limited broadband.

Doxford has higher levels of older people living alone which may contribute towards loneliness.

No paid support in the ward to support digital confidence or skills.

Potential Opportunities for Members

Deliver marketing campaigns to tackle digital exclusion e.g. low cost broadband, being safe online, etc.

Encourage sign up to the Digital Inclusion Network and operate data banks (like a food bank but instead provides free SIM cards)

Explore funding opportunities to introduce free friendly Wi-Fi into publicly accessible buildings, open spaces and parks. i.e. Doxford Park CA or Doxford Park

Develop more spaces for people to access face to face digital support

Co-design and deliver a project tailored to an 'at risk' group of people or within a physical location.

Raise awareness and encourage sign up to the NCCE at Portland School.