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Dear Dame Chi,

As part of our commitment to actively tackling digital exclusion and advancing the Government's Growth Mission, I am writing to inform you that today we are publishing the analysis of responses to the Call for Evidence on [the Digital Inclusion Action Plan: First Steps](#).

The Call for Evidence accompanied the launch of the Action Plan on 26 February 2025 and was open until 9 April 2025. It received 800 submissions from individuals, charities, businesses, local authorities and other stakeholders across the UK.

The publication is a thematic analysis of the responses received. It provides a rich and detailed picture of the barriers people face, the opportunities respondents think should be seized, and highlights why locally driven interventions and sustained collaboration across sectors are important.

Sharing this publication with the public is a demonstration of our commitment to transparency and evidence-based policymaking. The findings will inform the next phase of our work towards the Government's ambition to ensure everyone has the access, skills, support and confidence to engage in our modern digital society and economy, whatever their circumstances.

We remain committed to delivering digital inclusion for everyone across the UK, regardless of their circumstances and recognise that collaborative efforts between government, industry, and local communities are essential to achieve this.

I hope you will find the publication a valuable resource.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Chris Bryant". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Chris" and the last name "Bryant" clearly distinguishable.

Chris Bryant MP
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