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| 500+ students provided with IT resources | Includes laptops and dongles, for internet connectivity | Ensured students could engage with their studies from home | Ensured continued access to resources such as library services and the VLE while campuses were closed | Sessions delivered to improve student’s understanding of IT systems and VLE | New embedded processes will ensure incoming students have the necessary IT equipment available to them Digital Poverty ProjectPerth College UHI | **Goal:** Provide all students with the necessary equipment to study and work from home during lockdown.**Submitted by:** Deborah Lally **Project:** To identify students in need of equipment and provide the necessary resources as soon as possible. **Benefit to:** All students

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| ****Key message: Provide equipment to enable home study**** |
| Creation of a survey to collect the required information from students |
| Assessment of available IT resources, including laptops and dongles  |
| Creation of a system to monitor loans, and track and chase returns  |
| Liaise with key staff to identify students in need of IT resources  |
| Going forward, have systems in place to ensure all students have adequate resources to support their studies |
| **Project delivery**  |  |
| Staff volunteered to support the survey, using both the online form and contacting students by telephone |
| The Library Management System was utilised to keep track of loans, and monitor and chase returns |
| Personal Academic Tutors (PATs) helped identify students who required IT equipment  |
| Promotion of Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) was introduced, along with an addition to the Admissions Feedback Form which captures IT requirements for new students. This will also be added to the enrolment process  |
| In addition, sessions were held on accessing Brightspace and general use of IT systems |

**Impact:**  The large number of students who were provided with resources have been able to successfully continue to study during the ongoing restrictions, and this has helped to prevent suspension or withdrawal. In the future, the new processes will ensure all incoming students have the necessary IT equipment to support their studies. |