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Digital Inclusion in Ireland: Connectivity, Devices & Skills

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Outline

What is digital inclusion?	Why digital inclusion?	Dimensions of digital inclusion
Irish policies & programmes promoting digital inclusion	International approaches	NESC report recommendations

What is digital inclusion?

Everybody can contribute to and benefit from the digital economy and society

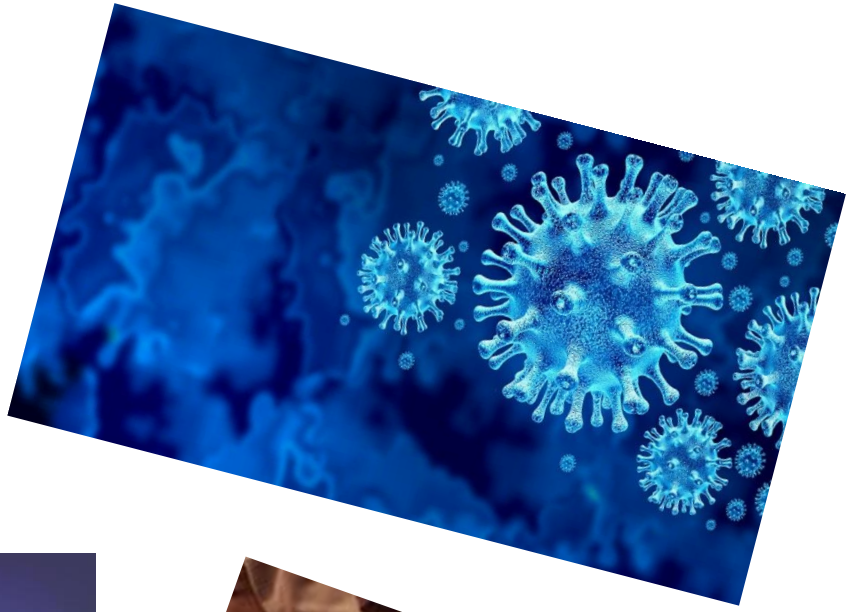
- *For individuals –*

  having convenient, reliable access to affordable, accessible digital devices and an internet connection, and the ability to confidently use these in their day-to-day life

- *For businesses –*

  the spread of digital transformation to all enterprises; i.e. the adoption of digital technologies, and enablers of such adoption

Why digital inclusion?



Dimensions of digital inclusion

Gateways to ICT

Who is impacted by digital exclusion?

Who?

- Those in rural areas
- Some older people
- Those on lower incomes
- Those with less formal education
- Micro-businesses
- Businesses & farms with older owners/managers

And?

- Some changes in 2020 – but gradient still there
- Relevant for employment, training, access to public and private services, communication, savings, security, independence

Existing policies & programmes

European Electronic Communications Code and BEREC Regulation

December 2018

Communications Networks, Content and Technology

Mobile Phone and Broadband Taskforce

WiFi4EU

Costs, devices & connection – existing policies & programmes

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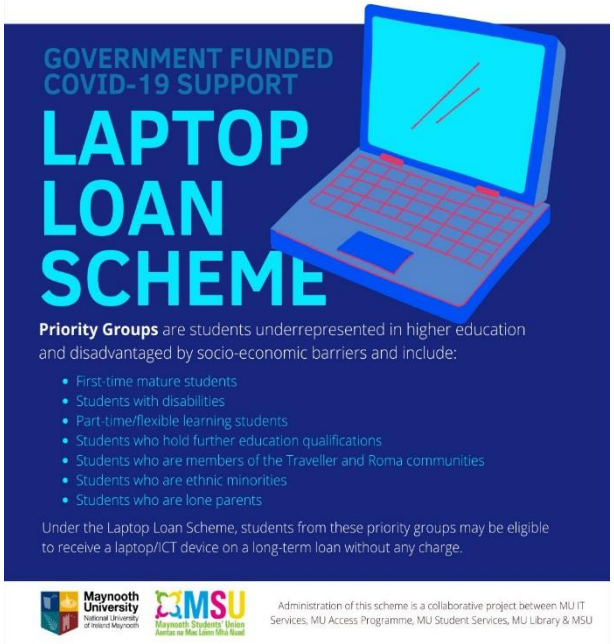

Skills & confidence – existing policies & programmes

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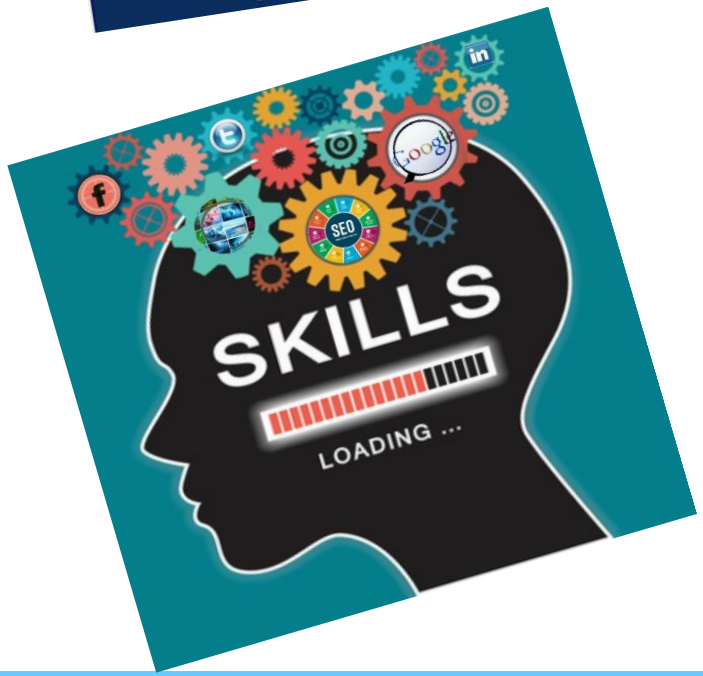

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Business & farms – existing policies & programmes

Access to public services – existing policies & programmes

International approaches

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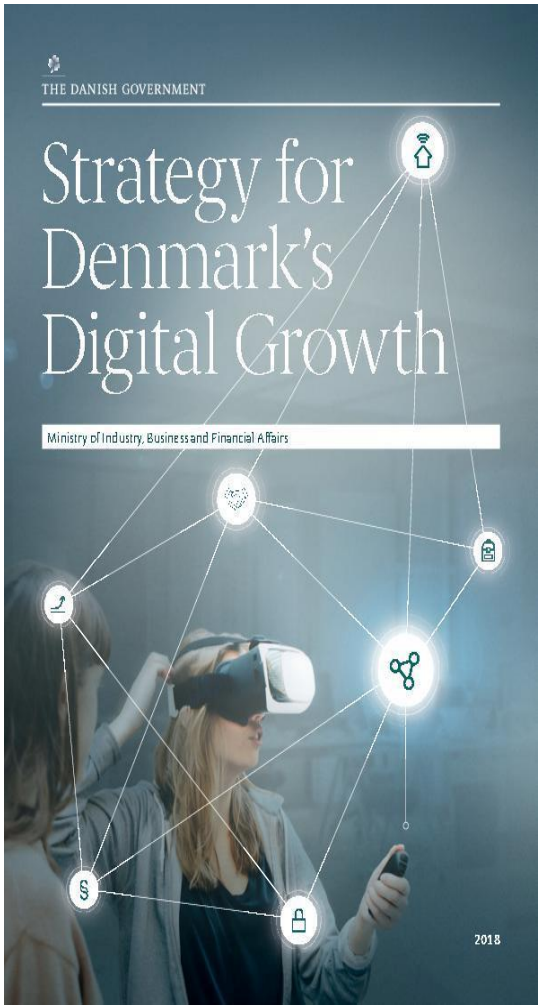

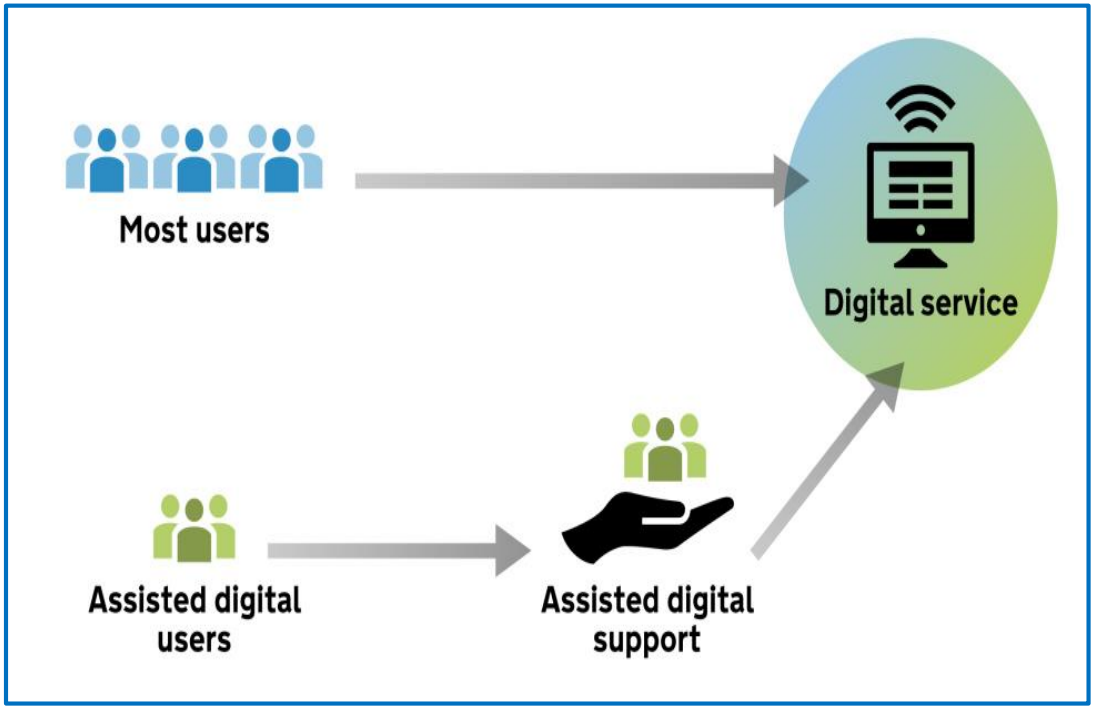

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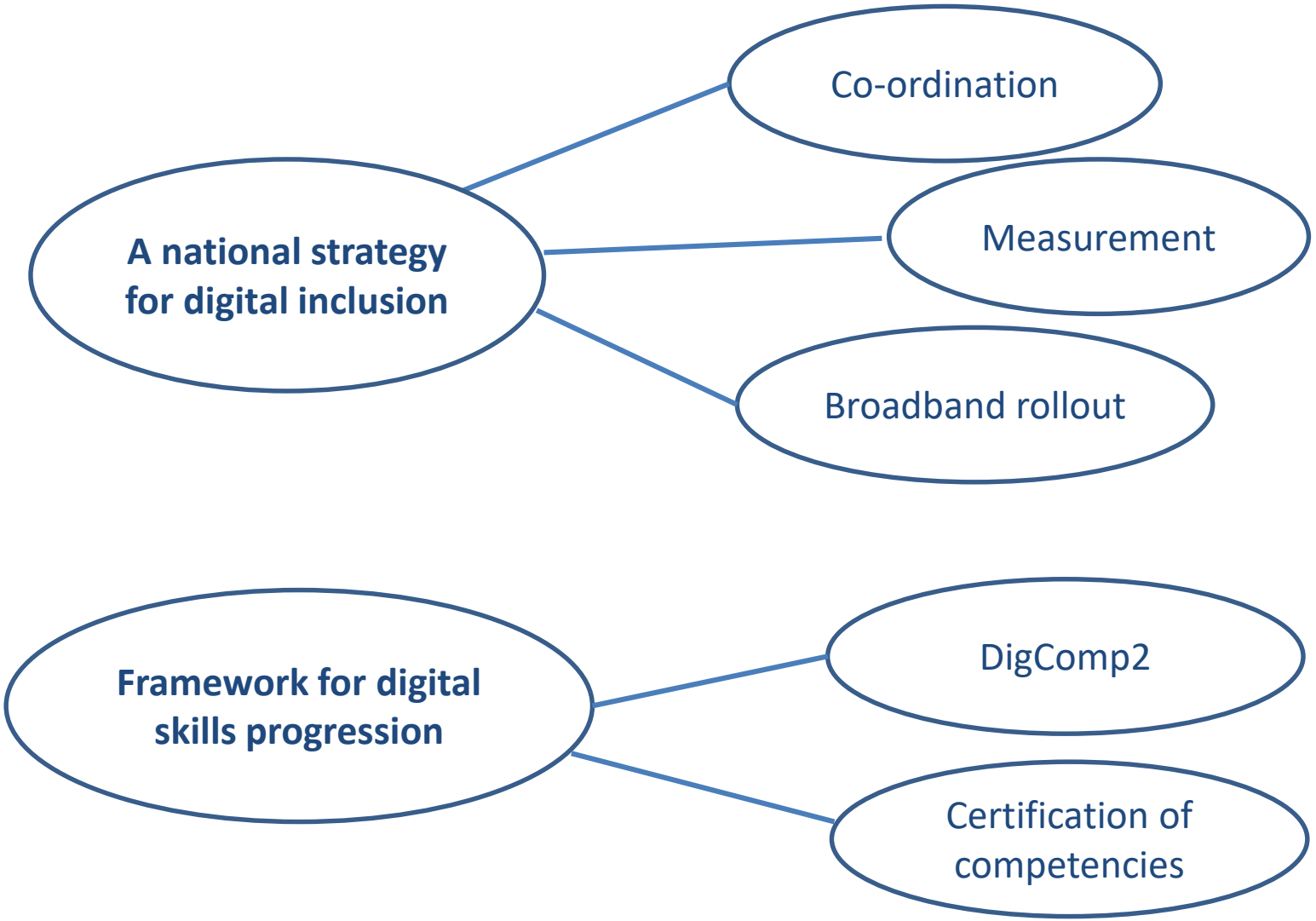

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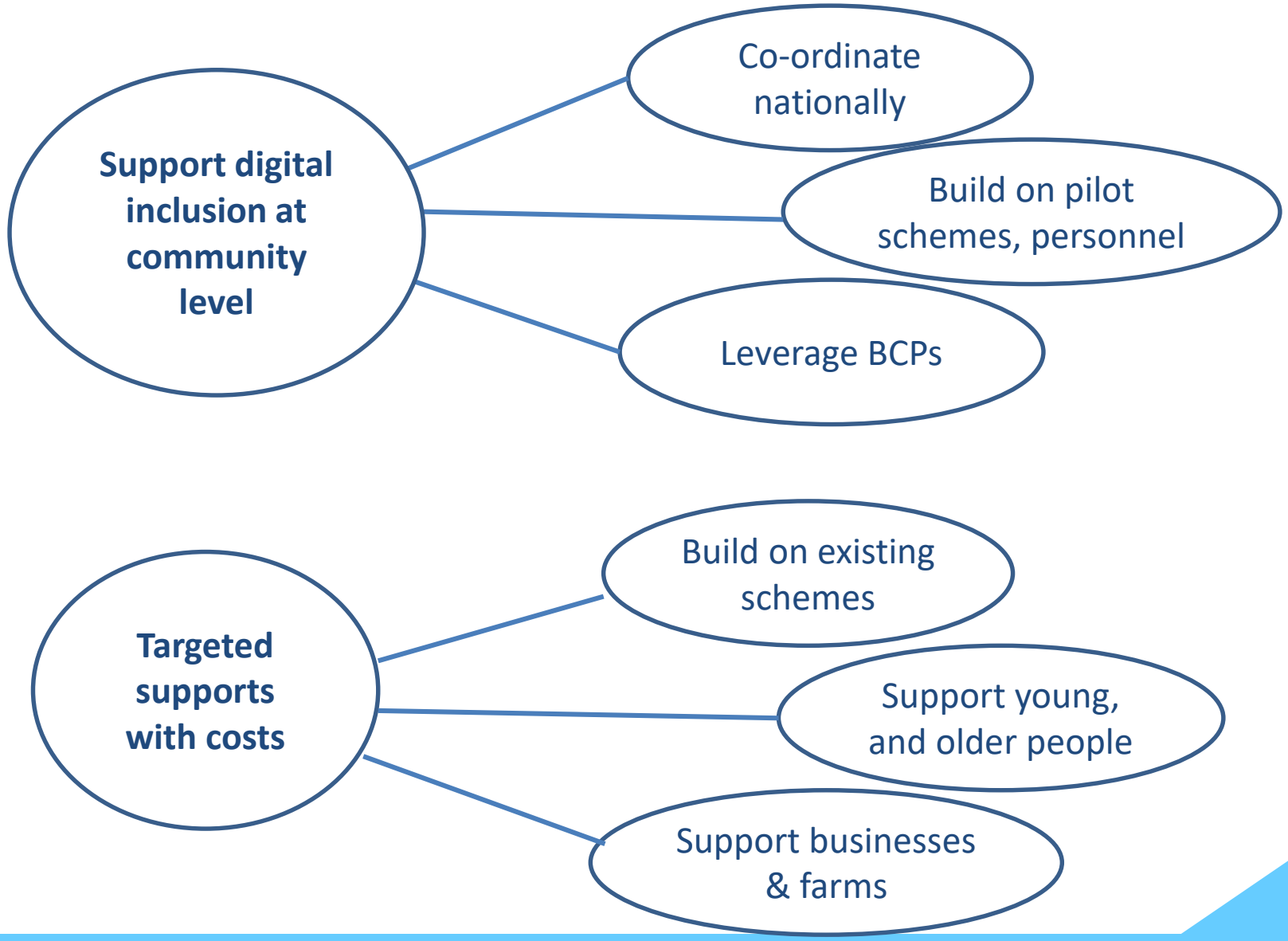

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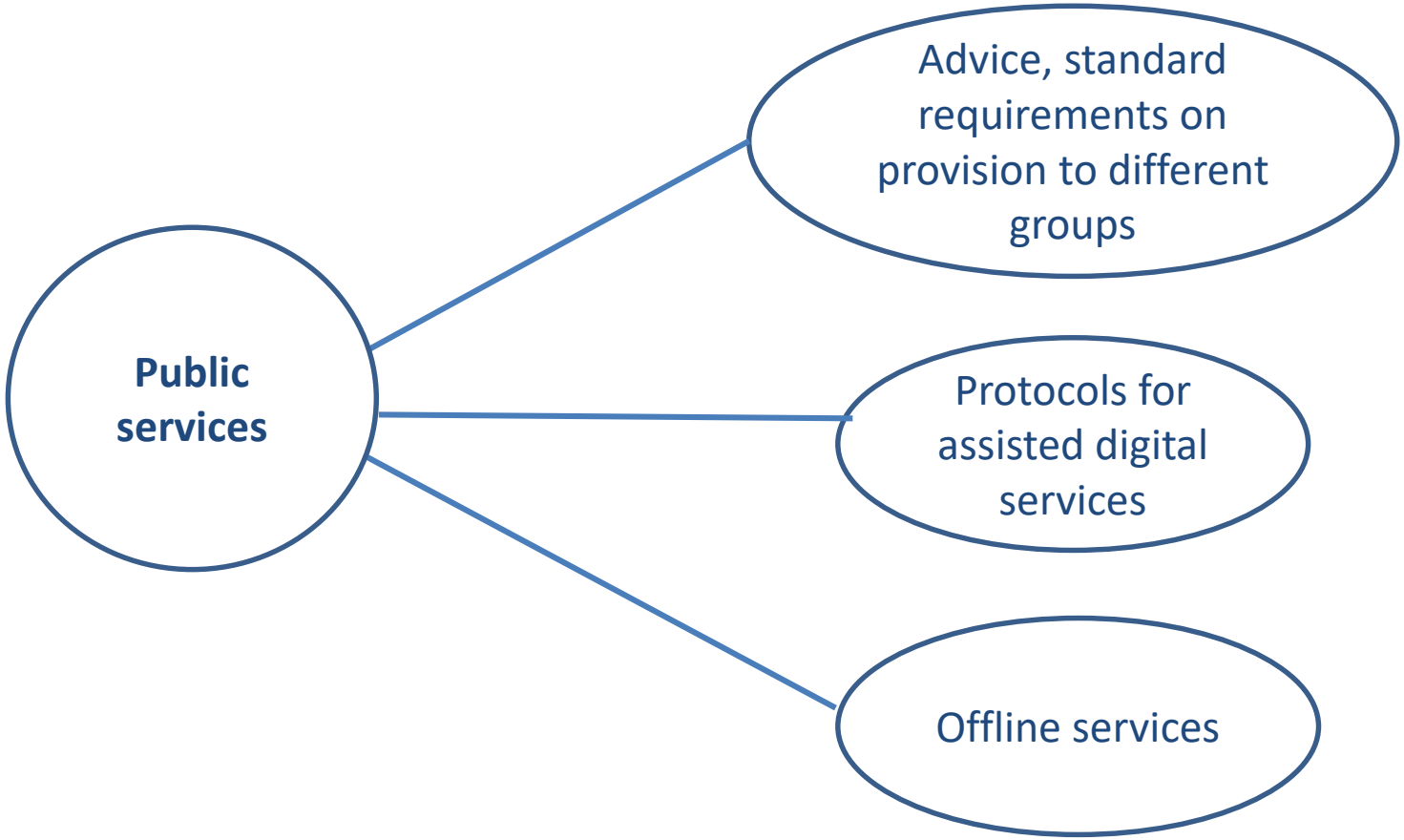

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