

**Local Full Fibre Networks Programme
Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme
Supplier Bulletin #33
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Introduction

This bulletin provides an update about the status of the scheme and its funding. Please read it carefully and make sure you bring its contents to the attention of relevant colleagues. Our team continues to work as normal.

Scheme Funding

At 28th April 2020, LFFN part of the Scheme has delivered almost 22,500 connections supported by vouchers with a value of around £48.8m.

Around £2.6m remains available for new vouchers supported by this fund. Over 1,000 vouchers are currently pending beneficiary validation with a value of more than £2m.

From the rural part of the scheme, around £15.8m of funding is now committed; this is part of the £200m Rural Gigabit Connectivity programme.

Suppliers are encouraged to focus their attention on developing projects which qualify for the ongoing Rural Gigabit Voucher part of the scheme.

Beneficiary Voucher Validation

In Bulletin #30 (2nd April 2020) we informed you that we had extended the time beneficiaries have to validate a new voucher request from 28 to 60 days. Unvalidated voucher requests which are more than 60 days old will be cancelled.

When you are signed in on the website, the home page provides information about the number of requested vouchers that are pending validation by the beneficiary.

For vouchers requested as part of the LFFN part of the scheme (known as GBVS), it is important to manage these requests since when this part of the scheme closes it will not be possible to request a replacement voucher where the original request has timed out.

You should let us know using the support function if your customers are unable to validate voucher requests as a result of the COVID-19 situation.

If you have any questions about the Scheme please contact us using the Support function when signed into the website.