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| Less queuing/waiting for students to collect their cards during induction | Can be accessed by students who are off campus| More cost effective and environmentally friendly than physical cards | More secure, as cards are linked to the student’s UHI account | Ensured students still had access to a card during the pandemic, for travel, discounts, library services, and identification purposes | Has features which are not available with physical cards E-ID CardsExecutive Office | **Goal:** Create a system to allow students to download an electronic ID card, to replace the normal printed cards  **Submitted by:** Denise Maclean-Ferguson  **Project:** To replace the standard ID cards with electronic versions which could be downloaded onto a mobile device, due the impact of the pandemic restrictions. **Benefit to:** All students   |  |  | | --- | --- | | ****Key message: Create electronic ID cards**** | | | Identify an app or system to allow students to download their ID card onto a mobile device | | | Create an in-house solution without extra work for students, or cost to the university | | | Resolve issues around lack of access to on-site resources required to print ID cards | | | Ensure new system can be developed further in future years | | | Provide a resource which can be used across the partnership, for all students at all colleges | | | **Project delivery** |  | | Electronic ID cards were available from 7th October, which was 3 weeks ahead of schedule | | | Students found the process much easier, and there are no longer concerns around losing the card and the cost of a replacement | | | Security was also improved, as the electronic ID card is linked to the student’s account and they have to log-in to view it | | | Students can upload a photograph during online enrolment, which is approved by staff and the card is then instantly available | | | There are a number of useful features, including an option to zoom in on the barcode if there are difficulties with a card reader | |   **Impact:**  The electronic ID card is much simpler and more secure, and has the added benefits of being more cost effective for the partnership and also more environmentally friendly. The resource was developed internally, so there were no associated costs or new software required, and no on-going support fees. |