53.7% of Spanish seniors looking at senior living options say that strong connectivity is a critical factor. A survey of more than 1,000 seniors aged 65+ in Spain—the vast majority of them not yet living in a senior care setting—revealed a strong preference for continuing and expanding their digital lives once they move to a senior living environment. In fact, more than half of them place strong connectivity among the most important factors in their final decision. This is a strong signal to senior living facilities that their facilities are being judged for connectivity as well as quality of care.

Seniors connect for a wide variety of reasons:
- Emailing and social networking: 30.8%
- Very important: 31.5%
- Not important: 22.9%
- Important: 28%
- Online shopping: 31.2%
- News and information: 19.4%
- Video chatting: 9.4%
- Watching movies online: 6.2%
- Online gaming: 7.9%
- Managing smart home functions: 17.5%
- Intelligent emergency connectivity: 3.8%
- Slightly important: 11%
- Somewhat important: 58%

Connectivity is central to choosing a senior living facility for 53.7% of seniors. Among connected seniors, a lack of internet would make them miss:
- Connecting with community activities: 35%
- Email and social media: 8.5%
- Online shopping: 32.1%
- News and information: 19.4%
- Video chatting: 9.6%
- Watching movies online: 6.2%
- Online gaming: 7.9%
- Managing smart home functions: 17.5%
- Intelligent emergency connectivity: 3.8%

The bottom line:
UK seniors are tech-savvy and depend on their connected devices to stay in touch with friends, family and doctors. They are highly discriminating in their choice of senior living arrangements. The availability, quality and flexibility of your facility’s digital amenities can be a critical factor in seniors’ decisions—because they understand that, while living arrangements may change, their expectations of a strongly connected digital life will remain as strong as ever.