

## **Edge of Care Cost Calculator tool Change Project 2017.**

**Research in Practice with Loughborough University  
and North Yorkshire County Council.**

Dear Colleague,

There are a limited number of spaces to take part in an innovative and very timely project regarding edge of care services.

**We are writing to invite you to nominate colleagues from your organisation to participate in this project, which will run between February and July 2017.**

Early indications are that this project will be oversubscribed; we want to make the application process as equitable as possible.

Participation in this project is FREE.

**Background information:** Over the past two years the Centre for Child and Family Research ([CCFR](#)), Loughborough University and North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) have been collaborating to develop an Edge of Care Cost Calculator for Children's Services (EoC CCfCS) tool. This is an output from an evaluation of the [No Wrong Door](#) model that has been developed and implemented as part of the [Department for Education Innovation Programme](#).

The Edge of Care Cost Calculator tool is being developed to carry out longitudinal analysis of the needs, services and outcomes of children and young people on the edge of care, following their pathways through the No Wrong Door model and to provide analyses to inform value for money debates.

**Aims of the project:** The aim of this project is to engage participating organisations in testing the conceptual framework and applicability of the Edge of Care Cost Calculator tool beyond this initial work in NYCC. Using RiP's tried and tested [Change Project](#) methods, participants will be involved in testing and co-developing and a tool which allows the analysis of different spend for different outcomes.

The Change Project will comprise a series of four action learning sets, with each session focusing on a different component of the EoC CCfCS development.

The four sessions will take place:

Development Group meetings	Location
1 <sup>st</sup> February 2017	NCVO Kings Cross
w/c 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Venue tbc
w/c 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Venue tbc
w/c 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Venue tbc

**Who to nominate:** We aim to recruit three participants from c. six or seven local authorities/children's trusts, giving a group of c. 18-21 participants.

Recruitment to this project is focused on those leading 'edge of care' services and colleagues leading on data analysis and finance whose roles are to understand need and cost in this area of service.

Suggested participant teams might include one of each of the following roles:

- Head of Service/senior manager for 'edge of care' service development
- Performance and Intelligence Officer/ Business Intelligence lead/senior data analyst or similar
- Finance lead for children's services

**The project commitment includes:**

1. Participation in four Development Group action learning sessions with project work to be conducted 'back at the ranch' between meetings.
2. A commitment in principle from senior leadership that your organisation will participate in trialling the Edge of Care Cost Calculator tool.

**Please forward the application form below to the three colleagues you would like to nominate. Please ask them to fill in the details below and return to [susannah.bowyer@rip.org.uk](mailto:susannah.bowyer@rip.org.uk) by **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December**.**

We very much look forward to hearing from you,

Best wishes,



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**Further information**

Loughborough University’s Original Cost Calculator for Children’s Services (<http://www.ccfcs.org.uk/> ) is award-winning purpose-designed software that estimates the costs of social care activity and placements for looked after children, in England. It facilitates comparisons between the relative value of different types of care, making it easier to estimate the potential benefits of introducing a range of alternative care packages. The CCfCS uses child level data that is routinely collected by local authorities (based on the SSDA 903 return) for the analysis.

Funded by the Department for Education Innovation Programme, the EoC CCfCS tool is being developed with NYCC to capture the cost effectiveness of interventions for adolescents on the ‘edge of care’, i.e. those that require support from children’s social care services, but do not necessarily require placement away from their families.

**Please fill in the details below and return to [susannah.bowyer@rip.org.uk](mailto:susannah.bowyer@rip.org.uk) by Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December.**

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Line manager job title	
Line manager email	
<b>Participant Two</b>	
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Job title	
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Phone	
<b>Participant Two Line manager name</b>	
Line manager job title	
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<b>Participant Three</b>	
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Job title	
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<b>Participant Three Line manager name</b>	
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