

Edge of Care Cost Calculator for Children's Services: Research in Practice Change Project

Meeting 2 summary

Thank you for attending the second Research in Practice Change Project meeting on **the 20th March**. We hope you enjoyed this meeting and found the content useful. In summary, the session covered:

- **Feedback from the tasks** set after meeting 1 including further discussion about which children we expect to be included in the Edge of Care cohort
- Feedback on current Edge of Care services and current processes in your local authority
- Discussion about what **reports** you would be interested in seeing from an Edge of Care calculator, including benchmarking, understanding the journey between edge of care and looked after, predicting outcomes, and costs of services.
- A **demonstration of the current Cost Calculator** for looked-after children
- Discussion around the current Cost Calculator and how this approach might work in the **Edge of Care context**, including what additional functions would be needed
- Reviewed the '**inputs**' and '**outputs**' from the Cost Calculator process diagram, thinking particularly about what **additional data could be available** in terms of Edge of Care

Tasks

Loughborough University has been in touch by email to discuss tasks to complete before meeting 3. These have been **tailored to your organisation** and were briefly discussed at meeting 2. Please make time to consider the tasks **before the 27th April**.

Next steps:

- **Meeting 3** of the Change Project is on **Tuesday 27th April** from **10.00-16.00** and will be held at Manchester City Library (St Peter's Square, Manchester, M2 5PD).
 - You should have received a calendar invite which has location instructions – please get in touch if you require further information.
- Following the demonstration of the Cost Calculator please **contact Helen** if you and your authority would like access (H.L.Trivedi@lboro.ac.uk).
- Visit <http://costcalculator.rip.org.uk> for electronic copies of documents from the second meeting.