

Transformation Challenge Award – Cost Benefit Analysis Workshops

The Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG), in partnership with New Economy, are organising a series of Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA) workshops as part of the support package for authorities interested in putting bids forward to the Transformation Challenge Award (TCA). These workshops are ½ day sessions, designed to support authorities with the CBA element of TCA bids. They will be focused on authorities who are interested in putting forward bids for 2015-16 element B, to further their ambitious plans to redesign services in partnership. Workshops will equip authorities with a solid understanding of the tools and processes New Economy have developed for the analysis and evaluation of public service reform initiatives, including the TCA, and an overview of the steps required and information needed to produce a CBA. The workshops will also provide attendees with a suite of guidance information and the opportunity to discuss their plans with New Economy and DCLG in a focused Q and A session. Details of New Economy's work on CBA work can be found here: [New Economy – Cost Benefit Analysis](#).

Workshops are open to authorities who are planning to put in bids to the TCA for service redesign schemes and will be focused on authorities who are interested in applying for 2015-16 Element B funding for ambitious partnership plans, where a full CBA is required at the final bid stage¹. Authorities bidding for 2014-15 Element B are not required to submit a full CBA. Provided there is capacity at the workshops, bidders for 2014-15 can attend; however, the focus will be on 2015-16.

We also welcome bidding partners, whether from health, police, or other sectors, to attend these workshops. However, as space is limited, **places are restricted to 2 per authority**. It is up to local authorities, whether they want to send two officers or one officer and a partner.

¹ TCA 2015-16 Element B: At expression of interest stage in July authorities need to submit a completed application form and supporting bid calculator spreadsheet, which details the funding bid for, and expected impact on service spend. At final bid stage in October, bids will need to be supported by a full cost benefit analysis, which looks at the wider impact on service users and other stakeholders, in addition to the service spend information provided at expression of interest stage.