

8-step public sector guide to implementing cloud



The Government's Cloud first policy is helping public sector organisations across the country reduce costs, increase collaboration and enable people to work more effectively. Here we share what steps to take to implement cloud and discover the benefits more effectively:

1. Choosing the right cloud

The first step is to gain a clear understanding of the range of cloud solutions available, which fall into 3 main categories; public, private and hybrid. Which choice is right for you depends on the service, access and security requirements, the right combination enables you to move seamlessly into the cloud.



2. Cloud commitment

It is important for the success of your cloud initiatives to engage stakeholders across the organisation from procurement, finance and HR. Ensure all key influencers understand and are committed to the benefits cloud makes possible. Use open communication and workshops to get complete buy in.

3. Clear cloud assessment

Conduct a detailed audit across the organisation to identify the feasibility of moving services to the cloud and assess the cost/benefit for this area. By assessing each area against a range of criteria will help you establish a business case and action plan.



4. Cloud manifesto & roadmap

Cloud services can change processes, systems, ways of working and engaging in many parts of the organisation. You need a clear plan and roadmap defined on which services to move to the cloud first.

5. Try cloud first

One of the best ways to move to the cloud is to engage groups of users in trials, these will help you establish proof-of-concepts, try out the services and get feedback. You could start off testing out solutions such as Office 365 and move to more bespoke applications next.



6. Trust experience

Ensure you engage with service providers who have experience in assessing, implementing and managing cloud solutions. They will bring expertise in cloud, systems integration and networking which are critical to the long-term success of cloud services.

7. Promote cloud benefits

To win confidence in cloud and support the momentum, promote the benefits you are generating from new cloud services, this could be promoting positive user experiences, productivity gains and cost savings.



8. Continue to evolve

Always remember that user and systems needs continue to change and your cloud services need to respond to these changes. By embracing a continuous process of refinement, through feedback and analyse you will ensure cloud delivers the more benefits.

Think your organisation is ready to take the first steps to the cloud?
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