



Q-Step Summer Project 2017: Catalyst Housing Ltd

Ref: #36 UoMQStep 2017 Catalyst Housing Ltd

Team/Department: Business Information & Insight

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Provisional Title for Project: "Measuring the Impact of Welfare Reform"

100 word abstract of what the project would probably undertake, and any data to be used:

Major changes to the benefits system have come into force in the last few years, including the Benefit Cap, the bedroom tax and the roll out of Universal Credit. The Government is now planning to introduce new welfare reforms under the Welfare and Work Bill.

Catalyst is a housing association that aims to create a self-sustaining business, which uses commercial disciplines and profits to provide affordable homes, improve neighbourhoods and change lives. We are therefore looking for someone to help us to:

- Work with relevant teams to design and build scenario data models to assess the impact of Welfare Reform on key business outcomes, using external population data sources to supplement these models where required.
- Review and understand internal Welfare Reform policies and approaches against the external environment, working closely with relevant support and operational teams.
- Identify key outcomes for measuring success, both operationally and strategically
- Review all data Catalyst collects regarding Welfare Reform and make recommendations for improvement

Key Words (up to 12): Modelling, Scenarios, Impact, Welfare Reform, Policy, Data, KPI, Report, Recommendations, Improvement

Essential and desirable skills that the student would need to have:

Essential: Highly analytical
Intermediate (or above) Excel skills
Excellent reporting writing and presentation skills
Strong research skills

Desirable: Statistical knowledge
Excel VBA

Preferred selection method: Interview and numerical/Excel proficiency test

Support and training offered by the organisation:

Supervision and support to be provided by the Business Information & Insight and Policy teams.

Any issues of data confidentiality and/or IPR that would need to be resolved:

The successful candidate would be required to sign a standard confidentiality agreement and declaration of interest. Any external deliverables would require anonymity and aggregation checks before release.

Supporting Information:

www.chg.org.uk

Financial assistance offered by the organisation: N/A