

[Head of Evaluation Task Force speaks in new “A Modern Civil Service” Podcast](#)

News story

Catherine Hutchinson, Head of the Evaluation Task Force, has shared her views on policy evaluation in government in the new “A Modern Civil Service” Podcast.



The [Modernisation and Reform](#) unit at the Cabinet Office has launched a new “A Modern Civil Service” podcast that focuses on matters around building [a skilled, innovative and ambitious Civil Service](#) for the UK.

In the first episode “fail fast; fail small; fail smart”, Catherine Hutchinson, Head of the Evaluation Task Force, sits down with host Sapana Agrawal, Director of Modernisation and Reform, to discuss all things evaluation.

Catherine says, “if you’re not failing, you’re not doing your job properly,” as she highlights how learning from past mistakes is the key to how evaluations help government deliver more effective and efficient services to the British people.

Catherine goes on to cover the differences between randomised controlled trials (RCTs), counterfactuals and adaptive evaluations and suggests some top tips on how to improve your own evaluation.

About the Evaluation Task Force

Our [short video](#) provides an introduction to the Evaluation Task Force.

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