Managing Change in the Public Services
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DESCRIPTION

This book explores the management of change to improve public service effectiveness. It breaks new ground in addressing why public service change is becoming increasingly complex to manage, how people cope with this new complexity, what implications arise for improving policy and practice, and which avenues for further research and theory-building look particularly promising.

The contributors are all leading researchers from the USA, Canada and the UK. Together they provide a synthesis of state-of-the-art thinking on the complex change process in Anglo-American contexts, policy-making for public service reform that generates managerial complexity, and practice in service organizations to improve provision. Special reference is made to education and health: the largest and most complex of the public services. The analysis has wider relevance for other public services and national contexts.

Managing Change in the Public Services is essential reading for all concerned with public service improvement - leaders and managers in service organizations, administrators, trainers, advisers and consultants who support the management of change, policy-makers and public servants, and advanced course students and academics. The book also offers general insights for the theory and practice of managing organizational and systemic change.
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FEATURES

• Provides a synthesis of state-of-the-art thinking on managing change to improve the effectiveness of public service provision.

• Includes contributions from leading international researchers who offer an overview of the increasingly complex nature of contemporary public service change in different national contexts.

• Reference is made to the fields of education and health, the two largest, most complex and highly professionalized public services.

• Offers new thinking, supported by research evidence from different services and national contexts, on contemporary public service management.
• Will inform the work of trainers, advisers, consultants and policy-makers who provide external support to assist with managing change in the public service, and discusses how to manage complex and programmatic change across public services.

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