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Behaviours

The vast majority of organisations or departments provide employees with the ability to work remotely, however there is roughly a 16% variance between groups surveyed, and a significantly higher proportion of those in senior roles are able to do so when compared to their junior counterparts.

Those able to work remotely make up 81% of staff working in local government and 72% of staff working in education, compared with 67% of central government staff and 65% of health staff.

While analysing working patterns in central government organisations, it becomes apparent that they are a third less likely than other sectors to access their office remotely on a daily basis. There is a noticeable disparity between central and local government employees'

extremely low. The use of cloud based productivity and sharing services is equally low – only 4% of respondents currently use cloud storage services in central government to share documents on a daily basis. 81% never use applications such as Google Docs, Google Drive, Skydrive or Dropbox for work purposes compared to 64% who never use them for non-work purposes.

Usage rates of audio and video conferencing are low across all sectors with the exception of central government where usage of audio conferencing is higher.

When gauging attitudes towards flexible

government, 9% of central government officials state that they can bring their own device to work, compared to 28% in local government. The sector with the highest degree of flexibility in device use was education, with 62% able to bring

65%
OF RESPONDENTS FEEL THAT
THEY ARE MORE EFFECTIVE
WHEN THEY ARE ABLE TO WORK
FROM HOME OR ON THE MOVE

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