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<u>Work Strand</u>		October 2024 - December 2024	February-April 2025 (No meeting in January)		
		<u>Tier 1: These are areas of work the Government has committed to do, either through primary legislation or through programmes such as</u>			
No.	FPRC Dates 2024	9 December 2024	3 February 2025	3 March 2025	7 April 2025
1	<i>Private Law Demand (Early Resolution)</i>	Substantive update will be provided on the evaluation of the early resolution programme.			
2	<i>Transparency orders / media reporting (roll out of pilot scheme)</i>	Draft PD provision to be submitted to the Committee (draft rule provision approved in November)			
3	<i>Service of Orders at refuges / confidentiality of refuge addresses</i>	PD and Rule changes have been laid and so no further updates. A progress report will be made around mid summer 2024 after the amendments have gone live in mid January 2025			

4	Unregulated Experts	An update will be provided under matters arising.			
5	Parental Responsibility and Child Arrangements following imprisonment for murder of the other parent.	An update will be provided under matters arising.			
<u>Standing Items: Domestic Abuse Act Implementation</u>					
6	Cross Examination Provisions (Qualified Legal Representatives)	Update on QLR scheme			
7	Domestic Abuse Protection Orders	Verbal update on DAPO Launch			
<u>Tier 2: Substantive Items</u>					

8	Web Updates (inaccuracies on Justice.gov.uk).	Web updates are reviewed by the FPRC Secretariat on an ongoing basis			
9	Fast Track Procedure – financial remedy applications.	Plan to bring a substantive update with draft PD to be brought for discussion to the December meeting.	If required, a discussion on the draft PD and other matters relating to the pilot.		
10	Modernisation of PD27A.	MoJ and the Bundles Working Group are considering the responses to the public consultation. A further update will be provided during the December meeting.		Plan to bring a substantive update with draft PD to be brought for discussion to March meeting.	
11	Deed Poll Name Changes.	A paper will be submitted and discussed during the December meeting under the Matters Arising item.			
12	Forms Working Group (standing forms update with table of work).	The Forms Working Group consider provisions on an ongoing basis.			

13	<i>Permission to Appeal</i>	Rule and PD amendments re. Permission To Appeal from decisions of lay justices to be submitted to the December meeting			
14	<i>Police Disclosure Orders in private law proceedings / New Protocol</i>	The Committee considered FPR and PD amendments in May but have asked MoJ to work with the DA WG and the Disclosure Working Group to develop one template order. Matter to return to the Committee for an update in a future FPRC meeting.			
15	<i>Voice of the Child.</i>	This item is led by Mrs Justice Knowles. Mrs Justice Knowles provided an update in May 2024 and may wish to give updates to subsequent meetings periodically.			
16	<i>Private law reform pilots – review of Child Arrangement Programme – including PD36Z (investigative approach) and PD36ZE (local flexibilities)</i>	Throughout 2024 officials will continue to investigate the impacts of PD36ZE. An update was provided at the June 2024 meeting when the Committee agreed that future implementation updates will not be required. Matter to return to the Committee ahead of pilot PD expiry dates.			

17	Mediation Vouchers (Pilot PD).	MoJ will update on progress of the pilot. This item will be covered with the Early Resolution item.	MoJ will give a further update on progress of the pilot.		
18	PD36ZF: Joint MoJ and DfE Pilot for Expert and Readiness Checklists.		Substantive update to be provided to the Committee.		
19	Disclosure of Respondent's Contact Details				Draft rule amendments approved. Will be included in SI when HMCTS confirm IT readiness.
20	Justice Legal Adviser Powers	MoJ policy has also met with HHJ Suh to discuss legal adviser powers in public law cases and potential improvements to the public law file allocation system. This work is in the early stages and is not yet ready for triaging.			

21	<i>Financial remedies (FPR 28.3(4)(b)(ii))</i>	Item was triaged in April and the Committee agreed to add it in tier 2. Priority level to be reviewed in January 2025.			
22	<i>Interim maintenance application (FPR 9.7)</i>	Item was triaged in April and the Committee agreed to add it in tier 2. Priority level to be reviewed in January 2025			
23	<i>Section 91(14) PD12Q – Online applications for permission to apply for s91(14) (barring orders) System Amendment</i>		The Committee agreed in October for this item to be added to the Priorities List following a triage. An update will be provided in February		
<u>Tier 3: Work with timings listed as TBC or with longer timescales</u>					
24	<i>Review of PD12J (domestic abuse)</i>			Committee agreed in May 2024 that updates need not return until March 2025 save for raising any substantive issues	
25	<i>Review of Practice Direction 12G.</i>	The item will return to the Committee once wider work priorities are agreed.			

26	Single Lawyer Models.	Item led by Mr Justice Peel/Single Lawyer Model Working Group. End date depends on any agreed next steps by the Working Group.			
27	Review of the overriding objective, to include consideration of amendments relating to vulnerable parties and witnesses (FJC Report).	This workstream is not currently being progressed so an end date cannot be predicted.			
28	Opposite sex civil partnerships Implementation: consequential amendments to the FPR 2010.	GEO aim to lay the regulations in Autumn 2024, subject to ministerial decision. MoJ Policy will confirm with GEO when this will return to the Committee.			
29	Pension Sharing Orders.	Item was triaged in April with agreement it will be allocated to Tier 3. This will include responding to the recommendations made by the Pensions Advisory Group. It will return to the Committee when capacity permits.			
30	Enforcement of Financial Remedy orders.	Item was triaged in April with agreement it will be allocated to Tier 3. This will include reviewing Rule 33.4(3) following the Gladwell v Gladwell judgment (2019). It will return to the Committee when capacity permits.			

31	<i>Applications for permission to revoke a placement order (G v H)</i>	<p>Item was triaged in May with agreement it should be in tier 3.</p> <p>MoJ policy is now liaising with DfE, Cafcass Cymru, Cafcass and other stakeholders to inform our policy intention. Once this is confirmed we will return to the Committee to discuss potential FPR amendments.</p>			
32	<i>Closed Material Proceedings (CMP)</i>	<p>The Committee agreed for this item to be paused whilst amendments to CMP are being made in Civil. MoJ colleagues would also require cross-department agreement before amendments can be made.</p>			
33	<i>Disclosure of electronic records</i>	<p>This was triaged in May and the Committee agreed it should remain at tier 3.</p>			
34	<i>Deprivation of Liberty</i>	<p>Item to remain in Tier 3.</p>			
35	<i>Cape v Dring implications</i>	<p>The CPRC sub-committee have undergone a consultation from 19 February which closed on 8 April. CPRC have paused the work due to resourcing. The FPRC Secretariat continue to liaise with the CPRC Secretariat on updates.</p>			

36	<i>Financial position after an overseas divorce</i>	This item was triaged in April with agreement it should be tier 3. It will return to the Committee when capacity permits.			
37	<i>Committal proceedings: 'Esper' judgment</i>	This item was triaged in May where the Committee agreed it should be added to the Priorities Table in tier 3. It will return to the Committee when capacity permits.			
38	<i>Abduction: The role of a solicitor-guardian under FPR 16.6(1)</i>	This item was triaged in June and the Committee agreed it should be added to the Priorities Table under tier 3.			
39	<i>Case Management and Intimate Images</i>	This item is currently paused whilst items of higher priority are being finalised. The end date cannot be determined at present.			
40	<i>Amendment of Form C100 to cover intra-UK jurisdiction</i>	This item is dependent on the rollout of the private law portal so an update will be provided in 2025.			

Annex A: Pending PD Changes

The changes below sets out the various PD-related projects that are underway or pending. When an entry relates to a project in the main table above, this is noted in the status column below.

	Subject	Status	Timings of PD Update/ next due at Committee	Timescale for end of Work Strand
Action required late 2024				
A1	MIAMs	See entry in main Table for Deed Polls.	Paper to December 2024 meeting	
A2	Online (a) private law proceedings (b) Part 4 FLA 1996 proceedings (c) additional types of private law proceedings	PD36G expires 31 March 2025 PD36ZD came into force 20 April 2022. Expires 31 March 2025.	Awaiting confirmation from HMCTS of the timing and content of any further future IT releases, which will inform the timing of our bringing draft PD amendments to the Committee. In any event, return in February 2025 prior to respective expiry dates.	To be confirmed – depends on HMCTS rollout.
A3	Bundles	Modernisation to reflect increased use of electronic bundles. See item in main table. Amendments may also be needed to PD36N, PD36P, PD36ZD and PD41D. See entry in main Table.	Update December 2024	See entry in main table.
A4	Piloting of investigative approach	PD expires various dates in 2025. See main Table entry for Private Law Reform	Paper to December 2024 meeting	See main table.

A5	Online contested financial remedy	Amended via PD Update No. 5 of 2024. Expires 31 December 2024. Committee agreed November 2024 that this should be replaced with a permanent PD under Part 41 FPR.	Paper to December 2024 meeting	December 2024.
Action required - late 2024/ early 2025				
A6	Temporary modifications	<p>PD36ZE expires 28 February 2025</p> <p>See item for Private Law Reform in main table re. child arrangements programme (PD12B).</p> <p>PD 36ZE provisions unrelated to PD12B will also need review.</p>	Paper to December 2024 meeting	See entry in main table.
A8	Transparency	Practice Direction 12I to be updated to reference the Press Association's Media Injunctions Alert Service.	TBC	TBC
A9	North Yorkshire Pilot - notification of Part 4 FLA 1996 orders to the police (pilot PD36ZA)	PD36ZA expires 28 Feb 2025	Paper to December 2024 meeting	TBC

A10	Justices' Legal Advisers			See entry in main table.
<i>To return for review</i>				
A11	Mediation Vouchers	See main table	Review ahead of expiry date of February 2025	See main table
A12	Enforcement	Possible new PD to support simplified Part 33 FPR: see main table entry for enforcement	This item is triaged to Tier 3.	See main table
<i>Timings to be confirmed</i>				
A13	Tracing through Government Departments	New PD put in place January 2023. Further details may be added in due course	TBC	TBC

