

FPRC Priority Table

	No	Work Strand		Quarter 3		
		Date added to priorities table	Policy Area	2 February 2026	2 March 2026	13 April 2026
TIER 1 - Committee and Government top priorities and active work strands	1	Jun-24	<i>Unregulated Experts</i>		An update will be provided pending discussions and progress regarding forensic experts	
	2	Dec-22	<i>Restriction of the exercise of parental responsibility (Jade's Law, and measures in the Victims and Courts Bill).</i>		An update will be provided pending on the progress of the Rule and Practice Direction amendments with the Domestic Abuse Working Group for Jade's Law, as well as the progress of the Victims and Courts Bill which is now progressing in the House of Lord.	
	3	N/A	<i>Private Law Reform - Pathfinder PD36Z (current expiry date 31 March 2026)</i>	An update will be provided to request an extension of the pilot PD expiration date.		Further amendments to the PD are expected following a review of the operating model since July .
	4	Jul-23	<i>Modernisation of PD27A.</i>	An update will be provided on the draft of the guidance for unrepresented parties subject to agreement with the Bundles Working Group	An update will be provided following the provision coming into effect on 2 March 2026.	
Tier 2: Substantive Items	5	Dec-24	<i>Transparency, Reporting and Information Sharing in financial remedy proceedings</i>	A substantive item was presented at the December meeting regarding the proposed consultation linked to the financial remedies transparency order work strand.		
	6	Nov-20	<i>Deed Poll Name Changes</i>	This item is currently paused due to other priorities.		
	7	Jul-22	<i>Police Disclosure Orders: the 2024 Protocol and template order for police disclosure</i>	An update will be provided at the February meeting as a matter arising pending feedback from the Standard Order Group		

8	Dec-24	<i>Amendments to PD12J and PD12B on disclosure of findings of facts pertaining to domestic abuse</i>	The Committee agreed in December 2024 for this item to be added to the Priorities List following a triage.		
9	Feb-25	<i>Form E - proposal to amend form to include details of pre-marriage or pre-civil partnership Cohabitation</i>	Policy to presented minor amendments at the October meeting (short paper + Triage form) seeking in-principle agreement before referral to the Forms Working Group. Wider amendments to be triaged separately.		
10	May-24	<i>Applications for permission to revoke a placement order (G v H)</i>	The G&H Working Group reconvened in September to consider the most effective way to make rule changes to correct the anomaly uncovered in the 2023 judgment. Further legal work is needed to identify whether any other types of permission application could be consequentially affected. The group hopes to present its recommendations to the Committee later in 2026.		
11	Oct-22	<i>Case Management and Intimate Images</i>	This item is currently paused due to other priorities.		
12	N/A	<i>Review of provisions relating to disclosure of information from proceedings relating to children (including Practice Direction 12G and PD14E). Cape v Dring Implications.</i>	Substantive items were provided in the July and October meetings and a verbal update in November. The Committee has agreed to progress this work further through a Transparency and Information Sharing sub-group. At the November 2025 meeting the Committee also agreed that the Cape v Dring work now sits within the remit of the Transparency and Information Sharing Group.		
13	N/A	<i>Online C100: PD36G and Private Law Portal:</i>	Amendments relating to parental orders and to mandating use of the Portal by legal representatives	An update expected in March 2026	

		<i>PD36ZD (current expiry date 31 March 2026)</i>	included in PD Update No.6 of 2025.		
	14	<i>Contested financial remedy online: provision for litigants in person (PD41H)</i>		Paper proposing amendments in relation to uploading of documents to the Portal by litigants in person will be presented at the March 2026 meeting.	
	15	<i>Confidentiality of parties' Contact Details</i>	Draft rule amendments to rule 29.1 FPR included in FP(Amendment) Rules 2025, to come into force 1 July 2026. HMCTS colleagues have advised that the associated IT changes for cases on their digital systems can be made by 27 February 2026. 49 paper court forms will need amending to reflect the amendment which will take at least 6 months with additional time for the necessary Welsh translation to follow.		
	16	<i>FDAC</i>	At the November meeting the Committee agreed that officials should explore further the recommended option to incorporate the FDAC code fully into the FPR along with drafting a new standalone Practice Direction. Officials will return with an update once progress has been made.		
Tier 3: Work with timings listed as TBC or with longer timescales	17	<i>Single Lawyer Models.</i>	An update will be provided at the February 2026 meeting as part of the discussion under Priorities Table. The Committee will be invited to consider removing the item from the table		
	18	<i>Review of the overriding objective, to include consideration of amendments relating to vulnerable parties and witnesses (FJC Report).</i>	This workstream is not currently being progressed so an end date cannot be predicted.		

19	N/A	Opposite sex civil partnerships Implementation: consequential amendments to the FPR 2010.	Pending GEO input - timeline to be confirmed		
20	Apr-24	Pension Sharing Orders.	Item was triaged in April 2024 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.		
21	Apr-24	Enforcement of Financial Remedy orders.	Item was triaged in April 2024 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.		
22	Dec-22	Closed Material Proceedings (CMP)	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 FPR amendments can be made.		
23	May-24	Disclosure of electronic records	This was triaged in May 2024 and the Committee agreed it should remain at tier 3.		
24	Oct-23	Deprivation of Liberty: amend the C66 application form and reviewing mechanisms on orders	<p>This item was added following a report from the Nuffield Family Justice Observatory published in 2023. The Committee received a substantive update in July and a further update in October under Matters Arising.</p> <p>Colleagues at DfE are due to attend the next Forms Working Group to agree any form amendments which may be required.</p>		

25		<i>Relationship between rules, PDs and guidance.</i>			
26	May-24	<i>Committal proceedings: 'Esper' judgment : amend to ensure consistent with CPR and CoPR</i>	This item was triaged in May 2024 where the Committee agreed it should be added to the Priorities Table in tier 3. It will return to the Committee when capacity permits.		
27	Jun-24	<i>Abduction: The role of a solicitor-guardian under FPR 16.6(1): consideration in light of Re D and CvM</i>	This item was triaged in June 2024 and the Committee agreed it should be added to the Priorities Table under tier 3.		
28	Feb-25	<i>Communications with the Court (FPR 5.7(1) and 18.5(1) : proposal to amend to require "contemporaneous" filing and service</i>	This item was triaged to Tier 3 on 3 Feb 2025. The end date cannot be determined at present.		
29	N/A	<i>PD36ZE (local flexibilities) current expiry date 28 February 2027</i>	Throughout 2024 officials continued to investigate the impacts of PD36ZE. An update was provided at the December 2024 meeting and the Committee approved a two-year further extension. Matter to return to Committee in due course to established whether a permanent implementation is appropriate.		
30	N/A	<i>Justice Legal Adviser Powers</i>	MoJ Policy met with HHJ Suh to discuss legal adviser powers in relation to re-timetabling in public law cases and potential improvements to the public law file allocation system. It is likely that PD2C will also need to be amended so JLAs can (in specified circumstances) amend case timetables in public law proceedings. The matter will be triaged for the March meeting.		

31	Feb-25	<i>D81 Form - Costs : amend to add section requesting information about costs incurred</i>	This item was triaged to Tier 3 on 3 Feb 2025. The end date cannot be determined at present.		
32	N/A	<i>PD12I (transparency)</i>	Proposal to amend to reference Press Association's Media Injunctions Alert Service. Timing TBC.		
33	Apr-25	<i>Special Measures and Screens</i>	This item was triaged to Tier 3 on 7 April 2025. The end date cannot be determined at present.		
34	Apr-24	<i>Financial remedies after overseas divorce. Proposed amendments to: - FPR 28.3(4)(b)(ii)-(iii) to exclude applications under s.13 of the 1984 Act and paragraph 4, Sch.7 of the 2024 Act (AS v RS) - Part 8 to reflect the Potanina decision (removal of r.8.25)</i>	This item was triaged in April 2024, and two related items were combined into a single workstream. The priority level will be reviewed in early 2026. Work on this item will resume when capacity allows.		
35	Apr-24	<i>Interim maintenance application (FPR 9.7) : proposal to amend to prescribe what information the respondent must file</i>	There is currently no work being carried out on this item. Item was triaged in April 2024 and the Committee agreed to add it in tier 2.		
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Tier 4: Update only - these items will be monitored , with updates provided to the Committee, but do not currently involve active policy development	36	N/A	<i>Web Updates (inaccuracies on Justice.gov.uk).</i>	Web updates are reviewed by the FPRC Secretariat on an ongoing basis . An update will be provided at the February 2026 meeting under Matter Arising		
	37	Feb-25	<i>Qualified Legal Representatives</i>	Updates may be provided if needed.		
	38	Feb-21	<i>Mediation Vouchers (Pilot PD).</i>	An update is expected in February 2026 (with MoJ Digital and HMCTS - Re-Chatbot)		
	39	Jul-22	<i>Private Law Demand (Early Resolution)</i>	At the June meeting a Sub-group name change was proposed and is now under consideration. Policy lead is following up with Mr Justice Peel on standard orders and recitals. A verbal update was provided in the November meeting.		
	40	Oct-22	<i>Domestic Abuse Protection Orders</i>	Update was provided at the FPRC May 2025 meeting. Further update will be provided when there is a ministerial decision on the next steps. In VAWG strategy, we announced a commitment to roll out DAPOs across England and Wales - awaiting a decision on the start date for NRO / how we will roll out.		
	41	Jul-22	<i>Permission to Appeal</i>	Provision in respect of PTA from decisions of lay justices included in FP(Amendment) Rules 2025 and PD Update No.6 of 2025.	An update will be provided as a substantive item at the March 2026 meeting.	
	42	N/A	<i>Fast Track Procedure – financial remedy applications.</i>	The PD came into force 7 April expires 3 April 2026. An update is expected in February 2026		

	43	N/A	<p><i>PD36ZA: North Yorkshire pilot for notification of Part 4 Family law Act 1996 orders: current end date 28 February 2026; further amendments to PD36ZI - Notification to the police when certain orders are made under the Family Law Act 1996</i></p>	<p>Formal sign-off to be sought on PD36ZI amendments to extend provision for sharing of (1) further non-confidential contact details and (2) service status and copy of certificate of service - this is currently subject to input from MoJ Data Protection legal team. No further decision is required on PD36ZA - it was agreed at Dec FPRC this PD will not be extended further.</p>	<p>Seek FPRC approval for sharing of confidential contact details - via amendments to PD36ZI, subject to sufficient progress with DAWG and Data Protection input from HO and MoJ.</p>	
	44	N/A	<p><i>Service at Refuges Rule and PD Changes</i></p>	<p>An update was delivered under Matters Arising on November 2025. An update on the Safer Serve System is expected at the February 2026 meeting. Policy Lead needs to contact Women's Aid to obtain the relevant data.</p>		