

	No.	FPRC Priority Table			
		Work Strand		Quarter 2	
		Date added to priorities table	Policy Area	13 April 2026	11 May 2026
TIER 1 - Committee and Government top priorities and active work strands	1	Jun-24	<i>Unregulated Experts</i>	An update will be provided as a substantive item as the April 2026 meeting	
	2	Dec-22	<i>Restriction of the exercise of parental responsibility (Jade's Law, and measures in the Victims and Courts Bill).</i>	Jade's Law - An update will be provided at the April 2026 meeting on the progress of the Rule and Practice Direction amendments with the Domestic Abuse Working Group for Jade's Law. Victims and Courts Bill - An update will be provided to the Committee pending the progress of the Bill which is now progressing in the House of Lords.	A further update on Jade's Law will be provided at the May 2026 meeting as a substantive item.
	3	N/A	<i>Private Law Reform - Child Focused Courts PD36Z (current expiry date 31 March 2027)</i>	Further amendments to the PD are expected following a review of the operating model since July 2025. Amendments to PD36Z has been included in Practice Direction Update No1 of 2026. Further proposed PD amendments will be a substantive item at the April meeting.	
	4	Jul-23	<i>Modernisation of PD27A</i>	Amendments to PD27A have been included in Practice Direction Update No.1 of 2026 and will be included as a matter arising at the April 2026 meeting.	
	5	N/A	<i>Amendments to PD36ZI - Notification to the police when certain orders are made under the Family Law Act 1996</i>	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.	An update will be provided at the May 2026 meeting as a substantive item.

Tier 2: Substantive Items	6	Dec-24	<i>Transparency, Reporting and Information Sharing in financial remedy proceedings</i>	An update will be provided at the April 2026 meeting as a substantive item. This will include an updated on the consultation which launched on 16th March, an update on the proposed timeline and a proposal for changes to the FPR.	
	7	Jul-22	<i>Police Disclosure Orders: the 2024 Protocol and template order for police disclosure</i>	An update will be provided at the April meeting as a substantive item following discussions and feedback with the Police representative from the Disclosure Working 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. This item is currently paused due to other priorities.	
	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. This Item is currently paused due to other priorities.	
	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	<p><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></p>	<p>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. The Working Group responsible for this area is the Information Sharing and Transparency Working Group. The group has met twice and agreed an initial workplan. Officials are developing proposals around information sharing and will bring this to the group in April. We hope to update the committee later in the Spring.</p>	
13	N/A	<p><i>Online C100: PD36G and Private Law Portal: PD36ZD</i></p>	<p>Amendments to PD36G and PD36ZD have been included in Practice Direction Update No.1</p>	

		<i>(current expiry date 31 March 2026)</i>	of 2026 and will be included as a matter arising at the April 2026 meeting.	
	14	<i>Confidentiality of parties' Contact Details</i>	<p>Draft rule amendments to rule 29.1 FPR included in FP(Amendment) Rules 2025, to come into force 1 June 2026.</p> <p>After review and assessment, it has been agreed that 23 forms will need amending. Proposed amendments have been sent to the Forms WG on 1 April for comment. The WG is content with the amendments requested. Work is currently underway for the amendments to be implemented. Amendment plan to be sent to paper forms colleagues by 13 April</p>	
	15	<i>FDAC Code</i>	<p>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. A new Practice Direction has now been drafted focusing on court processes which officials have shared with Lord Justice Peter Jackson and the FDAC judiciary who drafted the Code, for comment.</p>	
	16	<i>Post Reduction Project</i>	This item was triaged to Tier 2 in March 2026 and is currently paused due to other priorities and will be revisited when Policy, Legal or HMCTS operational resource allows	
Tier 3: Work with timings listed as TBC or with	17	<i>Contested financial remedy online: provision for litigants in person (PD41H)</i>	This item is currently paused due to other priorities.	
	18	<i>Review of the overriding objective, to include consideration of amendments</i>	This workstream is not currently being progressed so an end date cannot be predicted.	

		<i>relating to vulnerable parties and witnesses (FJC Report).</i>		
19	N/A	<i>Opposite sex civil partnerships Implementation: consequential amendments to the FPR 2010.</i>	Pending OEO input - timeline to be confirmed	
20	Apr-24	<i>Pension Sharing Orders.</i>	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	<i>Enforcement of Financial Remedy orders.</i>	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	<i>Closed Material Proceedings (CMP)</i>	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	<i>Disclosure of electronic records</i>	This was triaged in May 2024 and the Committee agreed it should remain at tier 3.	
24	Oct-23	<i>Deprivation of Liberty: amend the C66 application form and reviewing mechanisms on orders</i>	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. Colleagues at DfE are due to attend the next Forms Working Group to agree any form amendments which may be required.	
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>Justices' Legal Adviser Powers – public law</i>	This item was triaged to Tier 3 in March 2026. The Committee agreed in principle at the March 2026 meeting for PD2C be amended so Justices' Legal Advisers (JLAs) can (in specified circumstances to be agreed) amend case timetables in public law proceedings. Officials have subsequently liaised with HHJ Suh and met with JLAs to ascertain which powers of the court it is intended JLAs should be able to exercise. This is covered under Matters Arising.	Officials will provide an update on this work at the May 2026 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	Special Measures and Screens	This item was triaged to Tier 3 on 7 April 2025. The end date cannot be determined at present.	
34	Apr-24	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)	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	Interim maintenance application (FPR 9.7) : proposal to amend to prescribe what information the respondent must file	Item was triaged in April 2024 and the Committee agreed to add it in tier 2. However as there is currently no work being carried out on this item it has been moved to Tier 3.	
36	Jul-25	Contested financial remedy online: provision for litigants in person (PD41H)	This item is currently paused due to other priorities.	
37	Feb-26	Reciprocal Enforcement of Maintenance Orders ('REMO'): functions to be performed by Justices' Legal Advisers	This item was triaged to Tier 3 in February 2026 and is currently paused due to other priorities and will be revisited when Policy, Legal or HMCTS operational resource allows	
38	Feb-26	Proposals for single lay justices to be able to hear certain Magistrate Composition and REMO Cases, and for certain REMO hearings to be held remotely	This item was triaged to Tier 3 in February 2026 and is currently paused due to other priorities and will be revisited when Policy, Legal or HMCTS operational resource allows.	
39	Feb-26	Digital post placement adoption application: statement of truth from local authority	This item was triaged to Tier 3 in February 2026 and is currently paused due to other priorities and will be revisited when Policy, Legal or HMCTS operational resource allows	
40	Nov-20	Deed Poll Name Changes	This item is currently paused due to other priorities.	

Tier 4 - items for update only	41	Feb-25	Qualified Legal Representatives	Officials will provide an update as a substantive item in relation to the QLR statutory guidance at the April 2026 meeting.	
	42	Feb-21	Mediation Vouchers (Pilot PD).	Amendments to PD36V relating to the extension of the scheme have been included in Practice Direction Update No.1 of 2026 and will be included as a matter arising at the April 2026 meeting.	
	43	Jul-22	Private Law Demand (Early Resolution)	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. This workstream has been paused due to other priorities and will be revisited when Policy, Legal or HMCTS operational resource allows	
	44	Oct-22	Domestic Abuse Protection Orders	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.	An update on this work will be provided at the May 2026 meeting as a substantive item.
	45	Jul-22	Permission to Appeal	This item can be removed after the April 2026 meeting as this workstream has concluded	
	46	N/A	Fast Track Procedure – financial remedy applications.	Amendments in relation to adding Stockport to the pilot, and to extending the underpinning pilot practice direction, PD36ZH, which currently expires on 03 April 2026, for a further year until 02 April 2027 have been included in Practice Direction Update No.1 of 2026 and will be included as a matter arising at the April 2026 meeting.	

	47	N/A	<i>Service at Refuges Rule and PD Changes</i>	An update was delivered under Matters Arising on November 2025. An update on the Safer Serve System was provided at the February 2026 meeting. Policy to contact Women's Aid to obtain the relevant data.	
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