

# Reform Summit Held to Overcome Challenges

Health and Care sector leaders and experts were brought together on Monday 20 September by the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Sajid Javid, to help shape healthcare reform.

The summit invited open discussion to help shape and drive reform, covering NHS elective recovery, wider social care system reform, preventing ill-health and closing health disparities, and achieving greater integration.

Attendees included NHS Chief Executive Amanda Pritchard as well as NHS senior leadership and local leaders, social care, public health leadership, medical colleges, membership organisations, think tanks, charities and local government.

Following the summit, Health and Social Care Secretary Sajid Javid said:

We can't carry on with business as usual, that's why today I've brought together vital leaders and experts from across the health and social care world to hear their views on how we deliver necessary reforms to meet and overcome the challenges we face, and I thank all those who joined.

The pandemic changed everything and left us with large backlogs. It's a huge challenge, but the last eighteen months has shown what we are capable of achieving when we work together towards a common goal.

I'm confident we can tackle waiting lists and deliver the ambitious reforms needed to help our health and social care system recover and move forwards for the better from this wretched pandemic.

On 7 September the Prime Minister Boris Johnson announced plans to tackle the backlogs that have built up during the pandemic, reform adult social care, and bring the health and social care system closer together on a long term, sustainable footing, with a £36 billion investment in the health and care system over the next three years.

The government has also recently brought forward the new Health and Care Bill to help drive forward integration in health and social care.

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## [Family Procedure Rule Committee: Annual open meeting 1 November 2021](#)

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Are you interested in observing the rule making process?



The November 2021 meeting of the Family Procedure Rule Committee will be the annual open event where invited participants will be able to observe proceedings and put questions before the Committee.

The meeting will take place on Monday 1 November via MS Teams and is due to start at 10am. You will have the opportunity to put invited questions to the Committee but will not be able participate in the normal business of the Committee discussed on the day.

If you wish to attend the meeting please reply on the [invitation](#) (MS Word Document, 76.5KB) by Thursday 7 October 2021 at the very latest or direct to the FPRC Secretariat by email: [FPRCSecretariat@justice.gov.uk](mailto:FPRCSecretariat@justice.gov.uk)

The Secretariat will contact you after the closing date to confirm further details.

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## [Businesses give back £1.3 billion in](#)

# furlough cash

- New statistics show that businesses have returned £1.3 billion in furlough cash, with £300 million returned in the last three months.
- These repayments are coming in as more employees return to work and the economy recovers.
- The number of people on furlough has fallen to the lowest level since the start of the pandemic, with 340,000 people moving off the scheme in July alone.

Figures released today show that firms who have overclaimed or decided they no longer need payments received through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme handed back £300 million in the last three months.

In total, they have repaid £1.3 billion to HMRC since July 2020 through adjustments to claims and the voluntary disclosure service, which will continue into 2022.

## **Chancellor of the Exchequer, Rishi Sunak, said:**

This Government stepped in to help when people needed it most, supporting nearly 12 million jobs through furlough. This worked, nearly 2 million fewer people are now expected to be out of work in the UK than previously feared.

Now with our recovery underway it is heartening to see that £1.3 billion in furlough grants have been returned as the economy recovers.

HMRC is also cracking down on those who have fraudulently claimed furlough through its 1,250-strong Taxpayer Protection Taskforce.

With businesses reopening and employment rising to near pre-pandemic levels thanks to the successful rollout of the vaccination programme and the Government's roadmap out of the pandemic, the number of people on furlough has fallen to a record low of 1.6 million. Around 340,000 people left the scheme in July, with more than a third aged between 18 and 34 – a clear sign the government's Plan for Jobs is working.

The furlough scheme has protected nearly 12 million jobs and supported more than 1.3 million businesses, with 910,000 jobs in Scotland protected, 470,000 jobs in Wales and 280,000 jobs in Northern Ireland, securing livelihoods in communities across the United Kingdom.

Furlough was the right thing to do at the height of the pandemic, when necessary health restrictions were in place – this way we were able to protect lives and livelihoods. As the economy reopened and businesses started to trade again it's right that employees can get back to work.

The government is doubling down on its Plan for Jobs as the UK economy rebounds – focusing our support on giving people the skills and opportunities they need to succeed in the jobs of tomorrow through schemes including Kickstart, Restart and apprenticeships.

**Further information:**

Customers can make a repayment online by card through [HMRC's online repayment service](#) or by bank transfer.

The CJRS closes on 30 September. Employers need to make their September claims by 14 October.

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As part of the Defra-funded [Coastal Monitoring and Historical Coastal Change](#) project, the British Geological Survey (BGS) are looking for participants to share their knowledge in a series of workshops.

The first, taking place on 12 October 2021, aims to identify techniques for deriving historical coastal change in different coastal environments. There will also be a discussion around user requirement for coastal change data.

The second, taking place on 2 December 2021, will be focused on exploring different historical coastal mapping technologies, with the aim of helping BGS develop a ranking system.

The goal of this project is to review and document historical coastal change along the English and Welsh coastlines over the last 100 years, to help better inform future coastal management and decision making.

If you're interested, you can [register](#) your availability to participate in the workshops, and BGS will be in touch.

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