<u>News story: Compliance and enforcement</u> <u>work to continue unchanged</u>

Plans are no longer affordable within the Ministry of Justice's funding allocation for the 2015 spending review period.

After careful consideration, the difficult decision has therefore been taken to suspend the Transforming Compliance and Enforcement Programme (TCEP).

The work that is already underway has not been lost, the new ways of working including better enforcement strategies and administration will continue to apply. In addition, focussed work on the development of future service design will continue, so that we ensure it is ready should it be required in the future.

In 2017/18, HMCTS successfully recovered more than £400m in fines, £59m more than the previous year, as well as collecting over £30m of historic debt, previously thought uncollectable.

Contracts for Approved Enforcement Agency Services, <u>announced in July 2018</u>, are unaffected by this decision.

The Government is investing over £1 billion to transform the wider courts and tribunals system — making it quicker, more accessible and easier to use for all. TCEP was separately funded to the HMCTS reform programme.