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### Accessibility

20-year Scotland housing strategy pledges 'step change' in availability of accessible and adaptable homes **4:12**

Over half of Brits say they won't be able to live in their home if they become disabled **10:8**

We need to talk about accessibility, says new charity podcast **9:8**

### Achievements

School student wins national competition with an occupational therapy themed board game **10:6**

Talented occupational therapist runner wins top title in London Marathon **11:12**

### Adaptations

Adaptations Without Delay finds role in post-COVID service reorganisation **6:8**

Adaptations Without Delay report continues to prompt change in adaptation services **3:9**

Collaboration is the key to the future of home adaptations **10:10**

New adaptations guidance aims to educate landlords **5:9**

New guide for adaptations for children and young people with behaviours that challenge **5:11**

### Adult social care

New funding will improve researched practice in adult social care in the East of England **7:8**

New guidance on the role occupational therapists play at strategic levels in adult social care services **12:8**

RCOT supports new centre implementing evidence on adult social care **4:6**

### Allied Health Professionals

First national survey on AHP perceptions of research needs occupational therapists' views **7:11**

New framework launched to address

health inequalities **7:7**  
Refreshed health curricula guidance launches **10:10**

### Allied Health Professions (AHP) support workforce

RCOT calls for commitment to develop AHP support workforce **6:10**

### Anti-racism

Celebrating Black History Month **10:11**

Occupational therapy and direct action **10:11**

### Assistive technology

Competition launched to raise awareness of assistive technology amongst children **8:8**

### Awards

Buckinghamshire perinatal mental health service regional winners in NHS Parliamentary Awards **1:6**

Congratulations to the recipients of this year's Fellowship and Merit Awards **2:58**

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### BAME

Celebrating Black History Month **10:11**

Funding for Future Leaders Programme for BAME members announced **1:9**

### Blue Badge assessments

Occupational therapist wins award for commitment to keep Blue Badge assessments going during the pandemic **9:8**

### British Association of Occupational Therapists (BAOT)

AGM reports healthy finances, no increase in membership fee and allows online AGMs **10:12**

Auditor's report for BAOT members **4:65-67**

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### Campaigns

RCOT backs Future Social Care

Coalition's fair pay campaign **3:12**  
RCOT backs Healthy Homes Act campaign **3:13**

### Cancer

Talk about cancer, help save lives **10:10**

### Cancer services

Northern Ireland publishes 'recovery plan' for cancer services **8:13**

### Carbon emissions

Climate emergency and the vision for a net-zero NHS **5:12-13**

### Children and young people

Children's occupational therapist wins Cambridge Social Innovation Prize **9:12**

Focus on adults creates 'serious concerns' for children and young people on England's upcoming health and care bill **6:6**

Lack of vital therapy in schools for children and young people **10:8**

New guide for adaptations for children and young people with behaviours that challenge **5:11**

New RISE NI Parent website launched **2:60**

We need to talk about accessibility, says new charity podcast **9:8**

### Children's services

Major review recommends powered mobility for under-fives with mobility limitations **1:12**

More children's occupational therapy services offer advice lines during COVID-19 **2:8**



Vaughan Gething backs RCOT calls to protect children's therapy services in Wales **2:7**

### **Community health**

Community health two-hour crisis response standard guidance published **8:6**

### **Continuing professional development**

'Roadmap' for practitioners in primary care launched **12:10**

### **Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

A third of professionals working with people with sensory challenges report increased therapy waiting times **1:9**

COVID experiences drive me forwards, says occupational therapy student who spent a month on ventilation **2:14**

Derby team create videos to support return to work after COVID-19 **4:10**

Government must try harder on vaccines before leaping to the law **4:55**

Inadequate PPE and ventilation is threatening health and care workers, Prime Minister warned **3:11**

Increase in caring responsibilities sees Covid burden falling hard on female workforce **6:12**

It's not too much to mask **8:15**

Long Covid: RCOT leads AHP representation with key COVID parliamentary group **6:7**

Mandatory COVID vaccination of health and care workers (England) **12:8**

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Members help colleagues manage Long Covid and return to work **3:6-7**

More children's occupational therapy services offer advice lines during COVID-19 **2:8**

Occupational therapist joins research team looking at post-COVID clinics **1:8**

Occupational therapist takes part in Portraits for NHS Heroes project **3:10**

Occupational therapists get to work vaccinating colleagues and patients **2:9**

Occupational therapists using education recovery funds to help children back to school **6:6**

One of the first teams offering post-COVID support hailed a success **1:7**

Provide new funding and a parliamentary review for children with SEND, say MPs **5:10**

RCOT and RCPsych recommend social prescribing to help tackle the mental health consequences of loneliness and isolation caused by COVID-19 **4:8**

RCOT COVID-19 support fund **10:10**

RCOT launches new COVID-19

Support Fund for members **2:11**

RCOT taking action on Long Covid **3:7**

Recovering from COVID-19: Post viral-fatigue and conserving energy **1:49**

Specialist sections reach new audiences as they take conferences online **1:10**

Supporting occupational therapists during the pandemic **2:59**

### **Crisis response**

Community health two-hour crisis response standard guidance published **8:6**

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### **Data**

RCOT publishes new data and innovation strategy **12:8**

### **Deconditioning**

Public Health England produces recommendations for deconditioning and reducing falls in older adults following the pandemic **9:10**

### **Dementia care**

International practice recommendations on hearing and vision impairment in people with dementia **9:14**

National launch of the Herbert Protocol in Scotland **11:13**

New guidance published on dementia and older people's mental

health **5:11**

### **Digital competency**

HEE launches digital competency framework **5:11**

### **Digital inequalities**

TAPPI inquiry launches its findings on digital inequalities **11:6**

### **Digital innovation**

Teenager lands top prize in global tech competition for occupational therapy app **12:6**

### **Digital social care**

Lack of digital social care offered by care providers and councils means people and practitioners are missing out **4:13**

### **Disabled facilities grants (DFGs)**

New guide for adaptations for children and young people with behaviours that challenge **5:11**  
Wales axes means test on small and medium DFGs **4:10**

### **Disabled Living Foundation**

Disabled Living Foundation launches guide to over 10,000 products **4:7**

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### **Elective care framework**

Northern Ireland produces five-year plan to reduce backlog of patients waiting for assessment and treatment **7:9**

### **Employability skills**

Sport for Confidence links with Colchester United FC to provide COVID-19 rehabilitation and support adults back into the community and employment **4:6**

### **End-of-life care**

Delivery of palliative and end-of-life care 'must be universal and personalised', says refreshed framework **6:61**

### **Equality, Diversity and Inclusion**

Celebrating Black History Month **10:11**  
HCPC launches diversity data survey **1:11**



Help us stand with HOPE not hate against the far right **11:59**  
No barrier to brilliance: 2021 Casson lecturer is announced **7:7**  
RCOT calls for members living with a disability or long-term condition, or who identify as LGBTQIA+, to join its new affinity steering groups **12:7**

### Equipment

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### Falls

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### Fellowships

Congratulations to the recipients of this year's Fellowship and Merit Awards **2:58**

### Female workforce

Increase in caring responsibilities sees Covid burden falling hard on female workforce **6:12**

### Forensic services

Forensic forum expands to include prison occupational therapists **1:9**

### Frailty

New e-learning programme on frailty launches for England **6:60**

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### Haemophilia

First dedicated occupational therapy post in haemophilia makes a big impact **6:10**

### Health and Care Professions Council

HCPC plans preventative approach to reduce number of fitness to practice concerns **2:12**

New HCPC materials on reflective practice **5:8**

### Health Education England (HEE)

Call for evidence for HEE's strategic framework **8:7**  
Online 'one-stop-shop' for advanced

practice in England launched by HEE **8:7**

### Health equity

Let's shine a light on our role in addressing health equity, profession is urged **11:14-15**

Roots of recovery: occupational therapy at the heart of health equity **11:58**

New framework launched to address health inequalities **7:7**

### Hearing impairment

International practice recommendations on hearing and vision impairment in people with dementia **9:14**

### Herbert Protocol

National launch of the Herbert Protocol in Scotland **11:13**

### Hip fracture

Award-winning project dramatically cuts length of stay for hip fracture patients **6:11**

### Honours

New Year Honours for RCOT members **1:50**

### Housing

20-year Scotland housing strategy pledges 'step change' in availability of accessible and adaptable homes **4:12**

Collaboration is the key to the future of home adaptations **10:10**

Healthy housing for Scotland briefing paper published **7:6**

Lack of urgency in improving quality of homes has left elderly and ethnic minority residents in danger **11:10**

New adaptations guidance aims to educate landlords **5:9**

New guide for adaptations for children and young people with behaviours that challenge **5:11**

Over half of Brits say they won't be able to live in their home if they become disabled **10:8**

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### Integrated Care Systems (ICSs)

Blueprint for the future of planning and managing health and social

care services in Northern Ireland **11:7**

Blueprint launched for NHS and social care reform in England following pandemic **3:8**

Community health two-hour crisis response standard guidance published **8:6**

Focus on adults creates 'serious concerns' for children and young people on England's upcoming health and care bill **6:6**

### Integrated community care

RCOT welcomes Welsh Government Recovery Plan **4:9**

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### James Lind Alliance

Full report on research priorities now available for download **5:8**

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### Leadership

Funding for Future Leaders Programme for BAME members announced **1:9**

Leadership events held for student allied health professionals **3:57**

Tunstall Healthcare commits to developing leaders of the future **3:56**

### Liberty Protection Safeguards

New information released on planned Liberty Protection Safeguards **3:12**

### Lobbying

Lobbying leads to new working group to tackle access to therapies for children with SEND **7:6**

RCOT steps up its in-person lobbying activities at party conference **11:9**

### Long Covid

Long Covid: RCOT leads AHP representation with key COVID parliamentary group **6:7**

Members help colleagues manage Long Covid and return to work **3:6-7**

New funding to expand the support for people with Long Covid in Wales, Northern Ireland and England announced **7:12**

Occupational therapists are urged to 'Take a stand for PoTS' **8:9**

RCOT publishes new quick guides on occupational therapy and Long Covid **12:9**

RCOT taking action on Long Covid **3:7**

Supporting members with Long Covid **6:15**

Updated Professional Standards and Career Development Framework launched **4:11**

Watch the Long Covid webinar and access wider RCOT guidance **9:15**

### Long-term conditions

NIHR collates evidence on innovative approaches to rehabilitation for people with long-term conditions **10:10**

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### Mental health

10-year mental health strategy published for Northern Ireland **8:12**

Get your Mind Plan as part of campaign to support the nation's mental wellbeing **10:6**

Glasgow teams distribute 400 self-care boxes to support mental health **2:14**

Mental health hustings ahead of Scottish elections **4:7**

New guidance published on dementia and older people's mental health **5:11**

New ministers after elections in Wales **6:12**

NIHR mental health research incubator launches **4:12**

Northern Ireland's 10-year mental health strategy out for consultation **2:12**

RCOT and RCPsych recommend social prescribing to help tackle the mental health consequences of loneliness and isolation caused by COVID-19 **4:8**

Wellcome launches three new funding streams **8:8**

### Motor neurone disease

MND Association launches community of practice for professionals **4:12**

RCOT endorses guide for occupational therapists supporting

someone living with motor neurone disease **8:12**

### Multidisciplinary working

First dedicated occupational therapy post in haemophilia makes a big impact **6:10**

Time for 'radical change' in Scotland's primary care delivery, warns committee **3:10**

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### National Care Service

First steps towards a National Care Service in Scotland **8:6**

National Care Service proposed in major report on Scottish adult social care **3:8**

Scottish Government National Care Service consultation open **9:12**

Shape of health and social care in the air after SNP miss Scottish majority **6:12**

### National Institute for Health Research

NIHR creates resources to help AHPs take the first step on their research journey **12:7**

NIHR mental health research incubator launches **4:12**

NIHR priorities programme launches new consensus report **12:8**

### Neonatal care

Occupational therapists are driving change in neonatal care **8:8**

RCOT seeks your views on neonatal services guideline **11:7**

### Neurorehabilitation

WFNR celebrates its 25th anniversary **11:8**

### Neurotherapy

Bristol sees opening of new intensive neurotherapy centre **3:12**

### NHS

Climate emergency and the vision for a net-zero NHS **5:12-13**

RCOT welcomes new NHS England chief executive Amanda Pritchard **8:11**

Standardised uniform for clinical staff in the NHS in England

under consultation **5:6**

### NHS reform

Blueprint launched for NHS and social care reform in England following pandemic **3:8**

### NHS Staff wellbeing

Build in time for NHS staff to rest and recuperate, advises NHS Confederation report **4:11**

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### Occupational Therapists' wellbeing

Build in time for NHS staff to rest and recuperate, advises NHS Confederation report **4:11**

### Occupational Therapy Week

Let's shine a light on our role in addressing health equity, profession is urged **11:14-15**

### Older adults

Public Health England produces recommendations for deconditioning and reducing falls in older adults following the pandemic **9:10**

### 'One Voice' statement

RCOT calls for more action on staff health and wellbeing **7:8**

### Online conference

Specialist sections reach new audiences as they take conferences online **1:10**

### Online training

Supporting healthcare professionals to improve patient care and outcomes **3:57**

Tunstall Healthcare commits to developing leaders of the future **3:56** ➔



## #OTalk

#OTalk celebrates a decade of milestones on its 10th birthday **11:6**

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### Palliative care

Delivery of palliative and end-of-life care 'must be universal and personalised', says refreshed framework **6:61**

### Peer support/supervision

Fast growth for virtual peer supervision community **6:60**

### Perinatal mental health

Buckinghamshire perinatal mental health service regional winners in NHS Parliamentary Awards **1:6**

### Physical activity

Supporting healthcare professionals to improve patient care and outcomes **3:57**

Year-long pilot to hardwire physical activity into health and social care in Essex **1:13**

### Play

International researchers to study children's play in Scotland **5:6**

### Portraits for NHS Heroes project

Occupational therapist takes part in Portraits for NHS Heroes project **3:10**

### Postural Tachycardia Syndrome (PoTS)

Occupational therapists are urged to 'Take a stand for PoTS' **8:9**

### Powered mobility

Major review recommends powered mobility for under-fives with mobility limitations **1:12**

### Practice-based learning

New guide for retired professionals to support practice-based learning **9:9**

### Primary care

Occupational therapists noted as an important part of the primary care family in Wales by First Minister **10:7**  
'Roadmap' for practitioners in primary

care launched **12:10**

Time for 'radical change' in Scotland's primary care delivery, warns committee **3:10**

### Primary Care Networks (PCNs)

Draft job description published for England's Occupational Therapists in Primary Care **2:12**

### Prison occupational therapists

Forensic forum expands to include prison occupational therapists **1:9**

### Professional standards

Updated Professional Standards and Career Development Framework launched **5:10**

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### Reflective practice

New HCPC materials on reflective practice **5:8**

### Rehabilitation

Award-winning project dramatically cuts length of stay for hip fracture patients **6:11**

NIHR collates evidence on innovative approaches to rehabilitation for people with long-term conditions **10:10**

Occupational therapist helps stroke patient jam his way through 200-day stay **2:10**

RCOT hunts for community rehabilitation examples **6:14**

Shape of health and social care in the air after SNP miss Scottish majority **6:12**

Sport for Confidence links with Colchester United FC to provide COVID-19 rehabilitation and support adults back into the community and employment **4:6**

Virtual reality conference showcases new rehabilitation prototypes **6:13**

### Research and development

Full report on research priorities now available for download **5:8**

New funding will improve research-led practice in adult social care in the East of England **7:8**

NIHR creates resources to help AHPs take the first step on their research

journey **12:7**

NIHR mental health research incubator launches **4:12**

Occupational therapist joins research team looking at post-COVID clinics **1:8**

Social care research funding calls for England **5:8**

Wellcome launches three new funding streams **8:8**

### Retired professionals

New guide for retired professionals to support practice-based learning **9:9**

### Return to work

Derby team create videos to support return to work after COVID-19 **4:10**

Members help colleagues manage Long Covid and return to work **3:6-7**

### Risk

Risk-related discharge decisions survey **10:59**

### Royal College of Occupational Therapists (RCOT)

2021 Council Elections **6:8**

2021 theme for Occupational Therapy Week announced **10:9**

Adaptations Without Delay report continues to prompt change in adaptation services **3:9**

AGM reports healthy finances, no increase in membership fee and allows online AGMs **10:12**

Auditor's report for BAOT members **4:65-67**

Casson lecturer to call for social and creative courage, to innovate and disrupt occupational therapy practice **9:6**

Children's minister encourages schools to let in therapists following RCOT meeting **5:7**

Full report on research priorities now available for download **5:8**

Health inequalities, rehabilitation and more on agenda for RCOT's first virtual annual conference **5:9**

Lobbying leads to new working group to tackle access to therapies for children with SEND **7:6**

Long Covid: RCOT leads AHP representation with key COVID parliamentary group **6:7**

No barrier to brilliance: 2021 Casson 

lecturer is announced **7:7**  
RCOT and RCPsych recommend social prescribing to help tackle the mental health consequences of loneliness and isolation caused by COVID-19 **4:8**  
RCOT backs Future Social Care Coalition's fair pay campaign **3:12**  
RCOT backs Healthy Homes Act campaign **3:13**  
RCOT calls for commitment to develop AHP support workforce **6:10**  
RCOT calls for members living with a disability or long-term condition, or who identify as LGBTQIA+, to join its new affinity steering groups **12:7**  
RCOT calls for more action on staff health and wellbeing **7:8**  
RCOT calls for urgent action on social care pay **12:6**  
RCOT COVID-19 support fund **10:10**  
RCOT endorses guide for occupational therapists supporting someone living with motor neurone disease **8:12**  
RCOT hunts for community rehabilitation examples **6:14**  
RCOT launches new COVID-19 Support Fund for members **2:11**  
RCOT launches new pre-registration apprentice and student forum **6:60**  
RCOT produces Northern Ireland manifesto ahead of next year's Assembly election **11:8**  
RCOT prompts questions on Northern Ireland training placements **4:9**  
RCOT publishes manifesto for the 2021 Scottish election **2:12**  
RCOT publishes new data and innovation strategy **12:8**  
RCOT publishes new quick guides on occupational therapy and Long Covid **12:9**  
RCOT steps up its in-person lobbying activities at party conference **11:9**  
RCOT taking action on Long Covid **3:7**  
RCOT welcomes new NHS England chief executive Amanda Pritchard **8:11**  
RCOT welcomes Welsh Government Recovery Plan **4:9**  
Sensory integration and sensory

based interventions added to updated RCOT Informed Views **2:59**  
Steve Ford announced as RCOT's new chief executive **2:6**  
Thanks to RCOT's volunteers during Volunteers' Week **6:9**  
Updated Professional Standards and Career Development Framework launched **5:10**  
Watch the Long Covid webinar and access wider RCOT guidance **9:15**

### Royal visits

New care and rehabilitation centre gets Royal seal of approval **8:10**

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### Schools

Children's minister encourages schools to let in therapists following RCOT meeting **5:7**  
Lack of vital therapy in schools for children and young people **10:8**  
Occupational therapists using education recovery funds to help children back to school **6:6**

### Sensory challenges

A third of professionals working with people with sensory challenges report increased therapy waiting times **1:9**  
Children's occupational therapist wins Cambridge Social Innovation Prize **9:12**  
SIE produces new resource to support people providing and accessing therapy during pandemic **2:59**

### Sensory integration

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### Service demand

Northern Ireland produces five-year plan to reduce backlog of patients waiting for assessment and treatment **7:9**

### Social care

Lack of digital social care offered by care providers and councils

means people and practitioners are missing out **4:13**  
National Care Service proposed in major report on Scottish adult social care **3:8**  
New funding will improve research-led practice in adult social care in the East of England **7:8**  
New guidance on the role occupational therapists play at strategic levels in adult social care services **12:8**  
Proposals for long-term future of social care and support in Wales under consideration **2:13**  
RCOT supports new centre implementing evidence on adult social care **4:6**  
Recruitment campaign launched to encourage work in social care **12:6**  
Scotland to benefit from £8 million package for health and social care workforce wellbeing **7:10**  
Social care hustings ahead of Wales elections **4:7**  
Social care research funding calls for England **5:8**  
'Get social care done' urges Future Social Care Coalition **7:10**  
First steps towards a National Care Service in Scotland **8:6**  
Call for evidence for HEE's strategic framework **8:7**  
RCOT calls for urgent action on social care pay **12:6**  
NIHR priorities programme launches new consensus report **12:8**

### Social care reform

Blueprint launched for NHS and social care reform in England following pandemic **3:8**

### Social prescribing

New social prescribing student champion scheme launches **9:10**  
RCOT and RCPsych recommend social prescribing to help tackle the mental health consequences of loneliness and isolation caused by COVID-19 **4:8**

### Special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)

Lobbying leads to new working group to tackle access to therapies for children with SEND **7:6**

New guide for adaptations for children and young people with behaviours that challenge **5:11**  
Provide new funding and a parliamentary review for children with SEND, say MPs **5:10**  
The CIRCLE Collaboration resources **7:55**

### **Sport**

Sport for Confidence links with Colchester United FC to provide COVID-19 rehabilitation and support adults back into the community and employment **4:6**

### **Stroke**

New research finds cognition and functioning decline in the decade leading up to a stroke **11:7**

### **Student education**

Leadership events held for student allied health professionals **3:57**  
Majority of University of Lincoln's first graduates opt to stay in area **2:7**  
New social prescribing student champion scheme launches **9:10**  
Winchester University launches flexible MSc programme **11:12**

### **Sustainability**

Greener Hub launched to improve sustainability for AHP professionals **11:10**

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### **Technology**

Disabled Living Foundation launches guide to over 10,000 products **4:7**

### **Training placements**

Coventry University organises 280 placements in one block with new settings and innovative supervision **6:14**  
RCOT prompts questions on Northern Ireland training placements **4:9**

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### **Uniform**

Standardised uniform for clinical staff in the NHS in England under consultation **5:6**

### **Unison**

Christina McAnea appointed as new general secretary of Unison **2:10**  
Government must try harder on vaccines before leaping to the law **4:55**  
Plight of desperate Afghans highlights UK's cruel refugee plans **9:57**  
Record waiting lists illustrate need for proper investment in NHS workforce **9:57**

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### **Virtual reality**

Virtual reality conference showcases new rehabilitation prototypes **6:13**

### **Vision impairment**

International practice recommendations on hearing and vision impairment in people with dementia **9:14**

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### **Wellbeing**

Get your Mind Plan as part of campaign to support the nation's mental wellbeing **10:6**  
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### **Welsh Government Recovery Plan**

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### **Workforce reform**

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