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# Reactions to the New Plan for Immigration: a reading list

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## 1. Background

This reading list collates a selection of recent media coverage, stakeholder responses and other background material relevant to the Government's New Plan for Immigration policy statement.

The Government published the policy statement on 25 March. The Home Secretary made a related oral statement to the House on the same day. The proposals outlined in the Plan are open to public consultation until 6 May.

The Plan is largely focused on addressing Government concerns about unfairness and abuse within the current asylum system; illegal immigration; and enforcement of removal decisions. Other proposals concern updating British nationality law and making changes to systems for protecting suspected victims of modern slavery.

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The proposals relating to asylum reform and illegal immigration reflect the themes of the Home Secretary's October 2020 speech to the Conservative Party Conference on "fixing a broken asylum system". Many of the proposals in the Plan were heavily trailed in the media in the months leading up to the policy statement.

New primary legislation, likely to be announced in May's Queen's Speech, will be required to implement some of the proposals.

## Library briefings

Commons Library briefings on many aspects of the UK's immigration and asylum system are [available online](#). Recent briefings relevant to the New Plan for Immigration include:

- [Asylum Statistics](#), CBP 1403, 25 March 2021
- [Refugee resettlement in the UK: recent developments](#), CBP 9017, 26 January 2021
- [Asylum accommodation: the use of hotels and military barracks](#), CBP 8990, 24 November 2020
- [Asylum claims in the UK: common questions](#), CBP 9000, 4 November 2020

## 2. Government proposals

### [New Plan for Immigration](#)

HC Deb, 24 March 2021, Vol.691, cc921-936

### [New Plan for Immigration: Policy Statement](#)

Home Office

24 March 2021

### [Open Consultation: New Plan for Immigration](#)

Home Office

24 March 2021

## 3. Home Office research

### [Alarming rise of abuse within modern slavery system](#)

Home Office

20 March 2021

### [8 out of 10 last-minute attempts by immigration offenders to avoid removal are rejected, study finds](#)

Home Office

16 March 2021

[Issues raised by people facing return in immigration detention](#)

Home Office

16 March 2021

## 4. Media reports, stakeholder commentary etc

### 4.1 Press/media reports and opinion pieces

[CEOs, MBEs, top chefs: The refugees who would have faced deportation under Patel's new plans](#)

Independent

12 April 2021

[Asylum seekers 'removed from Britain without having cases properly heard'](#)

LBC

07 April 2021

[Too many politicians seek to punish & scapegoat asylum seekers –Pamela Fitzpatrick](#)

Labour Outlook

02 April 2021

[Priti Patel's asylum plan based on 'completely unfounded' claims, say experts](#)

Independent

01 April 2021

[Immigration barristers lodge formal complaint over recent Home Office press release claiming increase in abuse of modern slavery system](#)

Electronic Immigration Network

30 March 2021

[The UK's "broken" asylum system is the Home Office's own doing – Priti Patel's cruel reforms punish the wrong people](#)

The House

29 March 2021

[Patel's plans to deport asylum seekers to EU won't work, says Blunkett](#)

Independent

28 March 2021

[Tougher immigration laws are a win-win for the Tories as Labour misses the boat with its voters](#)

Times

28 March 2021

[Those seeking asylum deserve so much better than this government](#)

Guardian

28 March 2021

[Priti Patel's asylum changes will make life harder for refugees](#)

Economist

27 March 2021

['Deeply worrying' age assessment changes will increase risks to child asylum seekers, warn charities](#)

Community Care

26 March 2021

[Priti Patel's asylum reforms will only deepen the despair of refugees](#)

Guardian

26 March 2021

[Government consults on asylum reforms including new 'temporary protection status' with no recourse to public funds](#) (subscription required)

Rightsnet

25 March 2021

[Child asylum seekers 'falling apart' due to Home Office delays](#)

Guardian

25 March 2021

[Countries that refuse to take back migrants lose visas under Priti Patel plan](#)

Times

25 March 2021

[Why Priti Patel's plans to overhaul the asylum system make no legal sense](#)

The Conversation

25 March 2021

[Can Priti Patel's asylum shake-up help Britain take back control?](#)

The Spectator

25 March 2021

[Should asylum be granted for life?](#)

The Critic

25 March 2021

[Dear Home Secretary, The asylum proposals have no humility, no imagination, and no wisdom](#)

Church Times

25 March 2021

[Priti Patel accused of breaking Geneva Convention with plans to deny asylum rights to refugees crossing Channel](#)

Independent

24 March 2021

[Priti Patel insists UK's new asylum system will comply with international law](#)

F.T.

24 March 2021

[Home Secretary sets out plans for sweeping reform of the asylum system against widespread criticism](#)

Electronic Immigration Network

24 March 2021

[Immigration reforms: courts could be required to consider wasted costs](#)

Law Society Gazette

24 March 2021

[The Times view on asylum system reform: Fair and Firm](#)

Times

24 March 2021

[Home Office admits new immigration plans may see more trafficking victims locked up](#)

Independent

24 March 2021

[The Guardian view on Patel's asylum proposals: incoherent, unworkable and inhumane](#)

Guardian

24 March 2021

[Priti Patel's two-tier asylum plan treats refugees with cold indifference](#)

Guardian

24 March 2021

[Now is the right time for asylum reforms](#)

Telegraph

24 March 2021

[UK government announces details of new plan for immigration](#)

Infomigrants

24 March 2021

[Global Britain? The 'New Plan for Immigration' looks like slow progress in the right direction](#)

Conservative Home

24 March 2021

[Priti Patel's asylum-seeker plans are nonsensical political theatre](#)

New Statesman

24 March 2021

[Home Office spends £13,354 per person on deportation flights](#)

Guardian

23 March 2021

[Home Secretary says her 'New Plan for Immigration' will see the most comprehensive overhaul of the asylum system in years](#)

Electronic Immigration Network

22 March 2021

[Priti Patel: I will stop abhorrent smugglers preying on the vulnerable by fixing our asylum system](#)

Sun

20 March 2021

[Priti Patel risks forgetting the lessons of Windrush](#)

Times

19 March 2021

[UN official raises concerns over UK offshore asylum plan](#)

Guardian

18 March 2021

[Sending asylum seekers overseas to make claims will 'save life', Boris Johnson insists](#)

Independent

18 March 2021

[Asylum seekers sent abroad under plans to deter migrants](#)

Times

18 March 2021

[An island for asylum](#)

The Critic

18 March 2021

[UK government to attempt to limit judicial review for 'hopeless' asylum cases](#)

Scottish Legal News

15 March 2021

[People smugglers could get life sentences under new rules, says Home Office](#)

Guardian

01 March 2021

## 4.2 Press releases/stakeholder commentary

["The Claw is Our Master...": Toy Story shows us how Priti Patel's new asylum proposals work](#)

COMPAS, University of Oxford

09 April 2021

[Another 'new plan' to increase destitution](#)

Action Foundation

07 April 2021

[In depth: The real story behind Priti Patel's refugee plans](#)

Left Foot Forward

06 April 2021

[Hundreds of leading academics criticise Government's New Plan for Immigration for being "completely unfounded in any body of research evidence"](#)

Electronic Immigration Network

01 April 2021

[Why sticking to the Refugee Convention still matters](#)

Free Movement

01 April 2021

[Six years on from the introduction of the UK's Modern Slavery Act, activists are asking what has changed for trafficking victims](#)

Freedom Collaborative

31 March 2021



[Waving flags and 'Perfidious Albion'](#)

Justice Gap

26 March 2021

[STAR's response to the New Immigration Plan \(star-network.org.uk\)](#)

Student Action for Refugees

26 March 2021

[Fewer asylum seekers may qualify under new regime](#)

The Law Society

25 March 2021

[RSN statement in response to the New Plan for Immigration](#)

Refugee Support Network

25 March 2021

[Government immigration reforms could set back progress in support for child victims of trafficking](#)

ECPAT UK

25 March 2021

[Comment: latest asylum plan won't have the impact its supporters or opponents think](#)

Free Movement

25 March 2021

[Expert comment: Worn-out and failed ideas won't mend Britain's 'broken' asylum system](#)

Kent Law Clinic

25 March 2021

[UKLGIG's response to government's New Plan for Immigration \(consortium.lgbt\)](#)

UK Lesbian and Gay Immigration Group

25 March 2021

[Reform immigration rules to provide more safe routes into the UK for refugees who can better contribute economically](#)

Social Market Foundation

25 March 2021

[A first look at the "New Plan for Immigration"](#)

Free Movement

24 March 2021

['Inhumane': Priti Patel unveils tougher asylum regime](#)

The Justice Gap

24 March 2021

[Refugee Council responds to the Home Office's 'New Plan for Immigration'](#)

Refugee Council

24 March 2021

[Press releases - UK: New immigration plan is a 'false pretence of fundamental change'](#)

Amnesty International UK

24 March 2021

[Women's safety threatened by new asylum proposals](#)

Women for Refugee Women

24 March 2021

[New government proposals a wrecking ball to the right to claim asylum in the UK](#)

Refugee Action

24 March 2021

["We must uphold the right of people to seek protection here" – Our statement in response to the New Plan for Immigration](#)

NACCOM

24 March 2021

[Immigration plans: response on behalf of slavery survivors](#)

The Salvation Army

24 March 2021

[Our response to the Government's New Plan for Immigration](#)

Safe Passage

24 March 2021

[Our response to the Government's New Plan for Immigration](#)

City of Sanctuary Sheffield

24 March 2021

[Protecting protection](#)

Migrant voice

24 March 2021

[Migrant Voice statement in response to the Home Secretary's new Plan for Immigration](#)

Migrant voice

24 March 2021

[What is actually going on at the Home Office? A guide for journalists](#)

Free Movement

23 March 2021

[Explained: Priti Patel's plans for the immigration system](#)

The Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants

23 March 2021

[UK: Home Office's offshore refugees plan is 'utterly reckless'](#)

Amnesty International UK

18 March 2021

## 4.3 Reports

[Country Report: United Kingdom](#), Asylum Information Database, European Council on Refugees and Exiles, 01 April 2021

Russell Hargrave and Jonathan Thomas, [Stuck in the middle with you: Capturing contribution and closing the integration gap at the heart of the UK immigration system's approach to safe and legal routes for refugees.](#) Social Market Foundation, 25 March 2021

John Finnis and Simon Murray, [Immigration, Strasbourg, and Judicial Overreach.](#) Policy Exchange, 19 March 2021

Amreen Qureshi, Marley Morris, and Lucy Mort, [Beyond the hostile environment.](#) IPPR, February 2021

Henry Hill and Andrew Yong, [Global Britons: A fairer pathway to British citizenship.](#) Adam Smith Institute, 31 January 2021

Griffiths M, Yeo C. [The UK's hostile environment: Deputising immigration control.](#) Critical Social Policy. January 2021. doi:10.1177/0261018320980653

Jonathan Thomas, [Fixing Britain's broken asylum system: Briefing paper.](#) Social Market Foundation, 30 November 2020

Migration Watch, [MW485 An Asylum System Overwhelmed and Abused.](#) 18 November 2020

## 4.4 Commentary pre-March 2021

[Are Anti-trafficking Laws Being Abused for Immigration Purposes?](#)

Migration Watch

19 February 2021

[Submission to the Home Office on Safe and Legal Routes](#)

RAMP

10 February 2021

[Post-Brexit: Asylum seekers left in limbo](#) (Subscription required)

Chatham House

05 February 2021

[Briefing: Safe and Legal Routes to the UK](#)

Amnesty International UK

January 2021

[Post-Brexit Britain begins to close doors to unaccompanied children without relatives in the UK](#)

InfoMigrants

26 January 2021

[Teenage asylum seeker in UK wins legal battle over 'unlawful' age assessment](#)

Guardian

25 January 2021

[Is Britain turning its back on asylum-seekers?](#)

Morning Star

14 January 2021

[Growing Deficiencies in Immigration Enforcement](#)

Migration Watch

17 December 2020

[Changes to immigration rules will prevent people seeking asylum in the UK](#)

Refugee Council

11 December 2020

[Post-Brexit law aims to remove migrants' right to claim asylum if intercepted at sea](#)

Telegraph

10 December 2020

[Want to fix the "broken" asylum system? Start with country of origin info, inspector tells Patel](#)

Free Movement

08 December 2020

[Why asylum abuse will get worse after Brexit](#)

The Critic

08 December 2020

[Murderers and rapists could be barred from claiming asylum as part of Priti Patel's crackdown on immigration](#)

Telegraph

03 December 2020

[Fixing Britain's broken asylum system means taking more refugees](#)

Social Market Foundation

30 November 2020

[Human rights at risk in the UK government's planned overhaul of the asylum system](#)

René Cassin

12 November 2020

[Op-ed from Tim Farron MP: Priti Patel: How many lives will it take before you change course?](#)

RAMP

02 November 2020

[Home Office policy for removing migrants unlawful, court rules](#)

BBC

21 October 2020

[Governments have a duty to work together to prevent asylum seeking children from risking their lives](#)

Children's Commissioner

19 October 2020

[Patel's asylum plans lack sense and compassion](#)

Guardian

12 October 2020

[Alf Dubs: Priti Patel's anti-migrant rhetoric is unworthy of a British home secretary](#)

New Statesman

08 October 2020

[Priti Patel's Statement on Asylum Reform](#)

Migrants' Rights Network

05 October 2020

[Home Secretary says forthcoming legislation will see biggest overhaul of “broken” asylum system in decades](#)

Electronic Immigration Network

05 October 2020

[Priti Patel: Fixing our broken asylum system](#)

Conservatives

04 October 2020

[Priti Patel pledges to fix 'broken' asylum system in UK](#)

BBC

04 October 2020

[Priti Patel Has Promised To Overhaul The “Broken Asylum System” With The Biggest Change To Immigration Laws In Decades](#)

Politics Home

04 October 2020

[Nicola Sturgeon responds to reports that UK Government plans to use Scottish island for refugee processing](#)

Scotsman

01 October 2020

[No 10 confirms UK offshore asylum plan under consideration](#)

FT

30 September 2020

[Ascension Island: Priti Patel considered outpost for UK asylum centre location](#)

BBC

30 September 2020

[Irregular migration in the UK](#)

Migration Observatory

11 September 2020