FOREWORD

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Apart from differences in the levels of detail, there is nothing in the Summary Report that is different from the full Report. The Committee's full recommendations are set out in the chapters of the full Report, and in the sections on lessons and themes in the Summary Report. In addition, both reports carry the main recommendations cross-referenced to the full recommendations.

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