

Candidates to become UK prime minister

The winner to replace Theresa May as British prime minister will face the challenge of breaking Britain's impasse over Brexit



1 Michael Gove, 51

Environment Secretary and leading Brexiteer, lost to **Theresa May** in leadership contest in 2016

2 Matt Hancock, 40

Voted Remain in referendum but heavily engaged in planning for no-deal Brexit as Health Secretary

3 Mark Harper, 49

Tory Chief Whip in **David Cameron's** government, is trying to turn lack of public profile into advantage

4 Jeremy Hunt, 52

Replaced **Boris Johnson** as Foreign Secretary, has urged Conservatives to unite against EU

5 Sajid Javid, 49

Second-generation Pakistani immigrant, has taken tough line on immigration as Home Secretary

6 Boris Johnson, 54

Face of Brexit, former Foreign Secretary is running on platform of leaving EU on October 31

7 Andrea Leadsom, 56

Resigned as Leader of House of Commons over May's Brexit deal, stands for delivering hard Brexit

8 Esther McVey, 51

Former Work and Pensions Secretary, calls on Tories to embrace no-deal Brexit so country leaves EU on Oct 31

9 Dominic Raab, 45

Committed Eurosceptic, quit as May's Brexit minister in protest at her draft exit agreement

10 Rory Stewart, 46

Former diplomat promoted to International Development Secretary, rules out leaving EU with no deal