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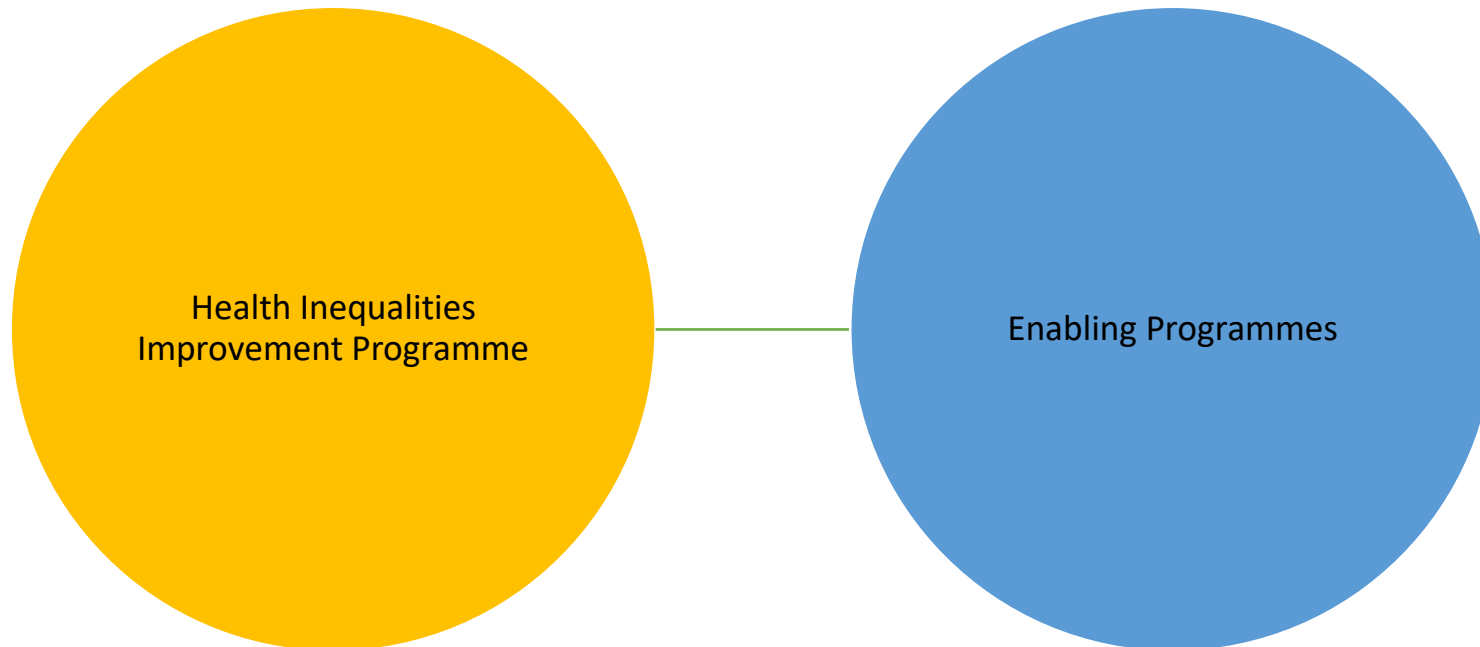
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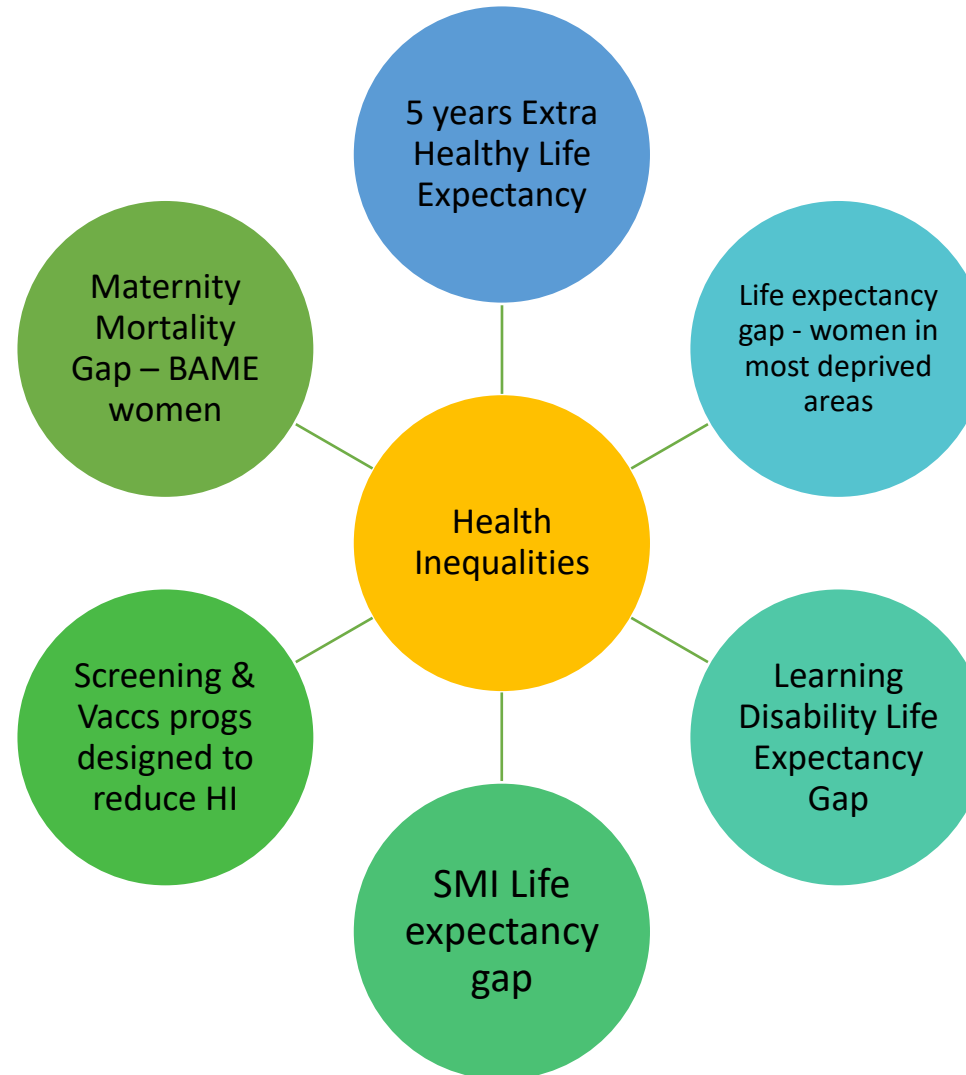
## **Vision**

Exceptional quality healthcare for all through equitable access, excellent experience and optimal outcomes.

# A Legacy from the Pandemic - Narrowing Health Inequalities



# Health Inequalities Drivers – Life expectancy gaps



# NHS Health Inequalities Improvement Programme

## **Policy Drivers**

NHS Long Term Plan – Section 2

Government Mandate to the NHS– Roles of NHS in Levelling up

Covid Pandemic Phase 3 Letter – Eight Urgent Actions

NHSE/I 21/22 Operational/Implementation Planning Guidance – 5 Key Priorities

Elective Recovery Fund – Health Inequalities Gateway

ICS White Paper

Health and Care Bill Second Reading ,House of Commons

Integrated Care Systems: design framework

- **Priority 1: Restoring NHS services inclusively**
  - NHS performance reports should be broken down by patient ethnicity and IMD quintile, focusing on:
    - Under-utilisation of services (e.g. proportions of cancelled appointments)
    - Waiting lists
    - Immunisation and screening
    - Late cancer presentations
- **Priority 2: Mitigating against 'digital exclusion'**
  - Ensure providers offer face-to-face care to patients who cannot use remote services
  - Ensure more complete data collection, to identify who is accessing face-to-face / telephone / video consultations (broken down by patient age / ethnicity / IMD quintile / disability status / condition)
- **Priority 3: Ensuring datasets are complete and timely**
  - Improve collection of data on ethnicity, across primary care / outpatients / A&E / mental health / community services / specialised commissioning
- **Priority 4: Accelerating preventative programmes**
  - Flu and Covid vaccinations
  - Annual health checks for people with severe mental illness (SMI) and learning disabilities
  - Continuity of maternity carers
  - Targeting long-term condition diagnosis and management
- **Priority 5: Strengthening leadership and accountability**
  - System and provider health inequalities leads to access Health Equity Partnership Programme training, as well the wider support offer, including utilising a new Health Inequalities Leadership Framework (to be developed).

# HEALTHCARE INEQUALITIES IN ENGLAND



The 'Core 20 Plus 5' initiative is designed to drive targeted health inequalities improvements in the following areas:

## CORE20

The most deprived **20%** of the national population as identified by the Index of Multiple Deprivation



Target population

## PLUS

ICS-chosen population groups experiencing poorer-than-average health access, experience and/or outcomes, who may not be captured within the Core20 alone and would benefit from a tailored healthcare approach e.g. inclusion health groups



# CORE20 PLUS 5

Key clinical areas of health inequalities



**1 MATERNITY**  
ensuring continuity of care for **75%** of women from BAME communities and from the most deprived groups



**2 EARLY CANCER DIAGNOSIS**  
**75%** of cases diagnosed at stage 1 or 2 by 2028



**3 SEVERE MENTAL ILLNESS (SMI)**  
ensuring annual health checks for **60%** of those living with SMI (bringing SMI in line with the success seen in Learning Disabilities)

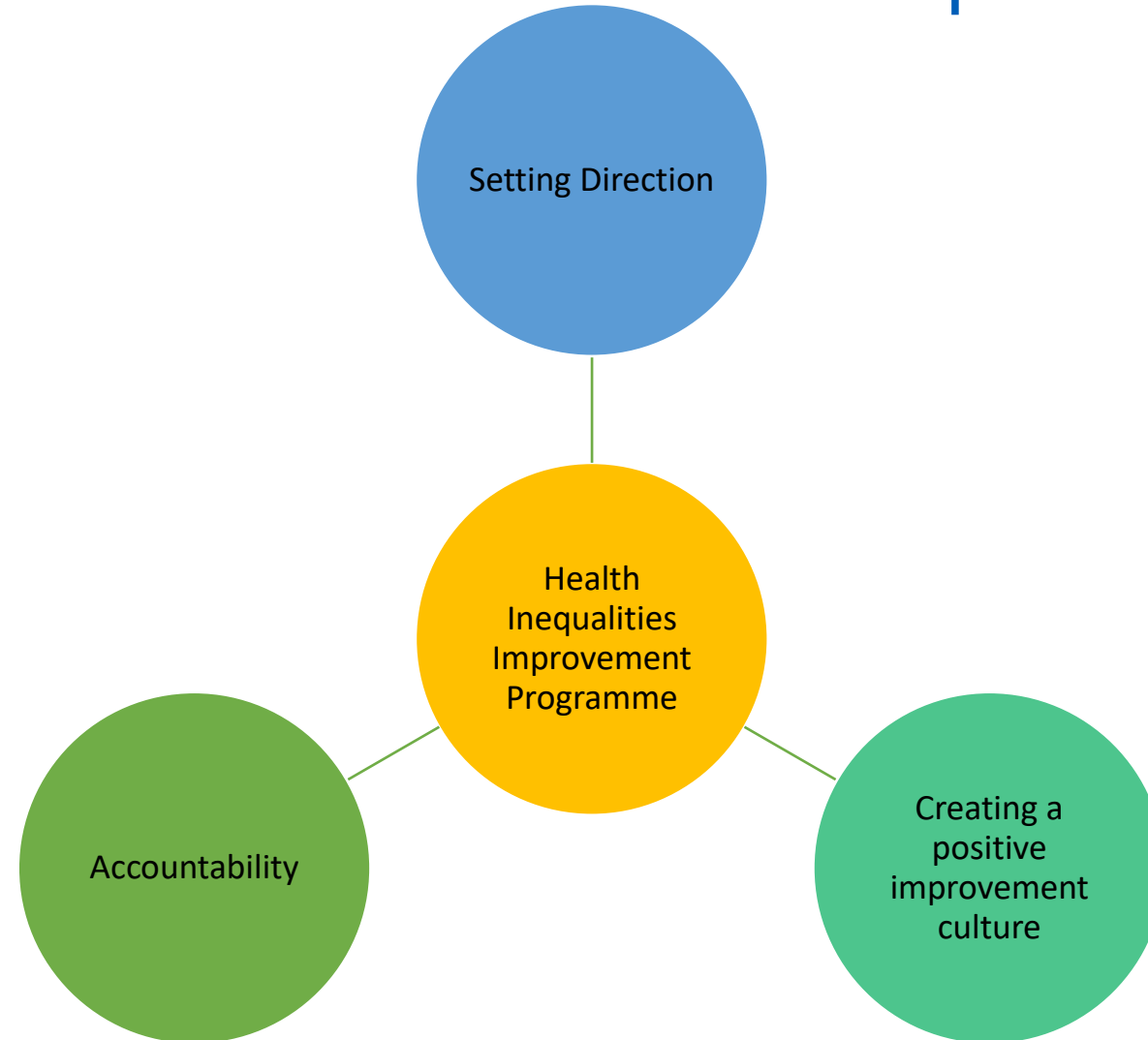


**4 CHRONIC RESPIRATORY DISEASE**  
a clear focus on Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) driving up uptake of Covid, Flu and Pneumonia vaccines to reduce infective exacerbations and emergency hospital admissions due to those exacerbations



**5 HYPERTENSION CASE-FINDING**  
to allow for interventions to optimise BP and minimise the risk of myocardial infarction and stroke

# A Legacy from the Pandemic - Narrowing Health Inequalities – The Role of Leadership & Leaders





# Accountability – NEDs & Chairs



# Questions