

# REDUCING HEALTHCARE INEQUALITIES

The Core20PLUS5 approach is designed to support Integrated Care Systems to drive targeted action in healthcare inequalities improvement

**CORE20**  
The most deprived 20% of the national population as identified by the Index of Multiple Deprivation



**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



Target population

## CORE20 PLUS5

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



**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)

3



**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

4



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

5



**HYPERTENSION CASE-FINDING**  
and optimal management and lipid optimal management



**SMOKING CESSATION**  
positively impacts all 5 key clinical areas