

## **Setting 5year ambitions for improving outcomes: Baseline practice projections – rationale and explanation**

### **Purpose**

‘Setting 5-year ambitions for improving outcomes – a how-to-guide for commissioners’ outlined the rationale behind why it is appropriate to apply a ‘baseline practice projection’ to Ambition 1 (Securing additional years of life for your local population with treatable conditions) and promised that a national-level guideline for applying such a projection would be provided on the levels of ambition atlas, in due course.

Therefore, this note outlines both the rationale for applying ‘baseline practice projections’, and provides a national-level guideline for use by CCGs and Area Teams should they wish to apply these when setting their levels of ambition.

### **Basel-line practice projections – rationale**

Outcomes for Ambition 1 (Securing additional years of life for your local population with treatable conditions) are greatly affected by health behaviours throughout life (e.g. smoking). As there is a strong positive trend reduction in mortality and potential years of life lost, because the cohorts of people entering the highest-risk age-range are progressively healthier, it is sensible to make an adjustment for that trend before setting an ambition.

For the other ambitions we do not propose making such an adjustment because the corresponding indicators are intrinsically amenable to NHS (together with its partner organisations) activity.

### **Base-line practice projections – explanation**

The ‘Anytown CCG’ project provides a projection for Ambition 1 under a ‘do nothing’ scenario. That is, an assumption that the quality of NHS (together with its partner organisations) services remains constant at the base-line period.

For the purpose of setting quantified ambitions for Ambition 1, we advise that CCGs apply their quantified ambitions to their own baseline, adjusted for these projections in each year.

The national support centre will continue to refine this projection methodology over the coming months, including making an assessment as to whether this national projection can be disaggregated to sub-national level.

The national support centre will then subject the projection methodology to peer-review. If that results in significantly different projections, we will propose refreshing Ambition 1 figures to reflect this.

### **The national baseline practice projections for Ambition 1**

- 2014: Baseline - 4.6%
- 2015: Baseline - 6.9%
- 2016: Baseline - 9.2%
- 2017: Baseline - 11.4%
- 2018: Baseline - 13.7%