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Dear Colleagues,

Widening access to Health Inequalities Improvement Dashboard

The **Health Inequalities Improvement Dashboard** is an important deliverable for our National Health Inequalities Improvement Programme, which builds on our learning from the COVID-19 pandemic around the importance of good quality data to provide insights to drive improvements in tackling health inequalities.

Whilst several individual tools exist, the Health Inequalities Improvement Dashboard provides key strategic indicators relating to health inequalities all in one place. This will help us meet our vision of 'exceptional quality healthcare for all, through ensuring equitable access, excellent experience and optimal outcomes'.

The dashboard will measure, monitor, and inform actionable insight to make improvements to narrow health inequalities. It covers the 5 priority areas for narrowing health inequalities in the 2021-22 planning guidance. It will also cover data relating to the five clinical areas in our [Core20PLUS5](#) approach. By providing data cut by ethnicity and deprivation, the dashboard will enable the NHS to take concerted action to improve health inequalities.

On 9 September 2021, we delivered a soft launch of the dashboard to our dashboard user engagement group and based on this launch have continued to improve the dashboard. We would like to thank members of the user group for their time, energy and feedback in codesigning and co-developing the dashboard, through quality assurance and ongoing user testing and feedback.

The new process to access the dashboard will be through the [Equality and Health Inequalities Network – FutureNHS Collaboration Platform](#). If you click on the Health Inequalities Dashboard tab, you will be able to see a process for instructions of how to access the dashboard.

Your regional or system approver will help you get access.

We are now making the dashboard available to regions, systems, primary care networks, NHS providers and local authorities. (See [Equality and Health Inequalities Network – FutureNHS Collaboration Platform](#) for who has what access.)

We are keen to ensure that our dashboard is designed and developed in co-production with our users, and fulfils the three tests of any good dashboard:

1. **Accessibility** – everyone who needs the data, can access the dashboard, and use it.
2. **Functionality** - the function of the dashboard is to host data on the five health inequalities strategic priorities and the CORE20PLUS5 approach.
3. **Usability** – the dashboard is used across the NHS and the wider system to provide actionable insights to tackle health inequalities.

To help us make the dashboard better for you please [complete this survey](#).

We look forward to continuing our ongoing work with you.

Yours sincerely,



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