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Dear colleague,

**Re: for action – Postponed NHS Health Check data returns and setting of the total eligible population for 2020-21**

Firstly, let me thank you and your team for your support over the last 12 months with returning quarterly NHS Health Check data to Public Health England (PHE).

In light of the current exceptional circumstances and the ongoing pressures from COVID-19 I wanted to let you know that we are:

- **postponing the return of NHS Health Check data for the period covering the 1 January – 31 March 2020 (Q4) inclusive**
- **postponing the return of NHS Health Check data for the period covering 1 April – 30 June 2020 (Q1) inclusive; and**
- **extending the timeline for agreeing the total eligible population for 2020-2021.**

In response to COVID-19 I understand that you will be working closely with NHS Health Check providers to make appropriate decisions about workload prioritisation as part of local resilience planning processes. I appreciate this may mean that you have limited or no activity to report for these quarterly data returns. However, I would ask that you still report information on activity (even if this is zero), as per the revised timelines set out below. We will continue to keep these timelines under review in light of the ongoing response to COVID-19.

### **Quarterly Data Returns**

We have now postponed the deadline for the return of Q4 data to midday on the 24 July 2020, the portal will be open for returns from the 1 June 2020. As part of the Q4 data return, 2019/20 Q1, 2 and 3 data can also be amended.

The deadline for the return of 2020/21 Q1 data has been postponed to midday on the 4 September 2020, the portal will open for returns from the 31 July 2020. As an exception, due to the current circumstances you will also be able to amend Q4 2019/20 data as part of this return.

### **Total Eligible Population (TEP)**

Figures for the 2020/21 NHS Health Check total eligible population (TEP) have now been calculated by PHE. You can find the estimate for your local authority in the attached spreadsheet. **If you are content with the estimate then you do not need to take any further action.** If you would like to submit a request to amend your local estimate, then please follow the steps set out in Appendix A and return the information via the portal to PHE by **29 July**.

Yours sincerely  
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## **Appendix A – Amending the Total Eligible Population**

If you are able to identify the eligible population from local general practice clinical systems or have undertaken a more accurate assessment of the eligible population PHE will consider a revised figure for your eligible population. Revised figures and evidence on how they were calculated will need to be submitted by **29 July** via the [online portal](#). The portal will open on the 8 April 2020. Requests will be considered by PHE CVD prevention team and analyst from the National Cardiovascular Intelligence Network (NCVIN).

### **How the TEP is calculated**

PHE uses the latest available Office of National Statistics data (mid-2018 ONS resident population estimates) minus the estimated number of people on existing disease registers to calculate the TEP. To estimate the number of people on existing disease registers and therefore not eligible for a NHS Health Check, the age and sex specific weightings used in the NHS Health Check Ready Reckoner tool are applied to the local population. The TEP is also adjusted to remove prisoners serving a sentence of 6 months or more.

- Those prisoners are included in ONS mid-year population estimates, however prisoners serving a sentence above 2 years receive checks commissioned by NHS England rather than by local authorities.
- Prisoners serving a sentence of at least 6 months but under 2 years were also excluded from the TEP because, although they aren't eligible for a NHS England check, by virtue of them being in prison they can't access a NHS Health Check provided by the local authority.

If you have any questions regarding the new timelines for the NHS Health Check or would like more information on the TEP process and amending the TEP please contact the NHS Health Check team on [nhshealthchecks.mailbox@phe.gov.uk](mailto:nhshealthchecks.mailbox@phe.gov.uk).