

Annex 1 – Key Delivery Expectations

Strategic Priorities for 2025-28	Ministerial Delivery Expectations for 2025-26 (where applicable)
Timely Access to Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce the number of ambulance patient handovers over 1 hour – national target - zero • Reduce the number of patients who spend 12 hours or more in all major and minor emergency care facilities from arrival until admission, transfer or discharge compared to the same month the previous year, building towards the national target of zero • No patients waiting more than 104 weeks for referral to treatment. • 12-month improvement trend in the percentage of patients starting first definitive cancer treatment within 62 days from point of suspicion (regardless of the referral route), building toward a national target of 80% by 31 March 2026. • Number of patients waiting more than 8 weeks for a specified diagnostic – target zero
Population Health & Prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in % of patients (aged 12 years and over) with diabetes who received all eight NICE recommended care processes • Achievement of vaccinations targets in the performance framework
Building Community Capacity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver a 12-month reduction trend in the number of people who are delayed in hospital as measured by the Delayed Pathways of Care dashboard • 100% of GP practices achieving all National Access Standards for In-hours GMS

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in number of people accessing Pharmacist Independent Prescribing Service for acute minor conditions and routine contraception services where the patient reports they would have otherwise visited their GP • Increase in % of adult/child population accessing NHS Dental care over a 24 (adult) /12 (child) month period • Increase in capacity at the weekend of community nursing and specialist palliative care nursing to at least the required levels previously set for 2024/25 and greater where possible • Increase in capacity of Enhanced Community Care to at least the required levels previously set for 2024/25 and greater where possible.
<p>Mental Health Access</p> <p>(For both adults and CAMHS – to be reported against separately)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 80% of mental health assessments undertaken within (up to and including) 28 days from the date of receipt of referral • 80% of therapeutic interventions started within (up to and including) 28 days following an assessment by LPMHSS
<p>Women's Health</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishment of one Women's Health Hub in each health board area by March 2026 (aligned to the Women's Health Plan)