Policy priorities for 2025/2026

Golden thread: health inequalities, lived experience, co-production and evidence to underpin all policy work

End unequal access

- Advocate for people digitally excluded to improve support and choice, and drive NHS app and AI inclusivity
- Improve support and data for people with long-term conditions around diagnosis and mental health
- Address transport concerns blocking access
- Standardisation of ICB interpretation services - no one turned away at reception/triage

Transfer power to people & communities

- VCSE and co production engagement in ICBs
- Engage system on screening / community prevention to accommodate differing needs
- Reduce admin/ comms barriers so people can better advocate for themselves
- Improve access and choice to treatments/ medications/med devices

Shift the measures of success

- Engage ten-year plan team to improve patient experience insight and data frameworks
- Work with Elective care plan team to monitor implementation of patient experience/health inequality promises including data
- Develop better ways of implementing 'i statements' at ICB level