

ACTIVITY PROJECTIONS – COVER PAPER

Introduction

1. This paper provides a contextual overview of Trusts' activity projections as set out in the Data Annex to the Trusts 3 month rebuilding plans for the period April to June 2021 (Phase 5).
2. The Trusts have indicated that the impact of Easter, the two bank holidays in May, the requirement to facilitate leave/decompression for staff as limiting factors on activity. This is in addition to the constraints continuing to be imposed to varying degrees by the ongoing need for social distancing and impact on physical space, vacancies and infrastructure.

Review of May and June Projections

3. Given the ongoing uncertainty and constraints applying to the delivery of Trust activity, the activity projections for May and June are currently indicative only. The intention is to review these activity projections in the first week in May, in light of the performance achieved during April.

Regional Prioritisation

4. It is important to view the activity projections in the context of the mechanisms put in place to ensure that the highest priority patients are seen first. This applies in the areas of planned elective surgery and diagnostics / scopes.

Staff Leave / Decompression

5. The Trust activity projections take account of the need to ensure that staff have the opportunity to take leave and to decompress after a highly pressured year of dealing with the severe effects of the pandemic. It is, however, also important to recognise that feedback suggests that many staff are simply keen to return to their normal duties to deliver care in their areas of expertise.