**Maintenance work for forthcoming NRAC publication**

**TAGRA (2018)**

**Background**

Currently there is no formal schedule for maintenance of the elements that make up NRAC. 10-12 weeks is calculated as the timeframe required to complete the maintenance and publication of the 2018 NRAC formula run.

**Proposed NRAC Maintenance and updates**

* The age-sex and the population elements require updating. The population update will be based on either existing population data or the mid-year estimates due to be released by NRS at the end of August; deadline dependent.
* Partial update of the Morbidity of Life Circumstances (MLC) indices and Excess costs updates are scheduled, last update was 2016.
* Merging the COTE and Acute excess cost adjustments, as outlined in ‘*Stabilising the Unavoidable Excess Costs component of NRAC’*;deadline dependent
* Change to previous NRAC publication to include overall shares at HSCP level.

**Discussion**

NRAC target shares are currently published in September, as the shares had been required to inform the allocations for the financial year beginning in the following April. With the adoption of the 3-year target share perspective, the target shares are published 30 months ahead of the relevant financial year. This gives some scope for adjusting the month of publication. If we were to move the publication date from September to December it would allow the incorporation of more up-to-date population data, which becomes available in late August. It would also facilitate the merging of the COTE and Acute excess cost adjustments (if agreed by TAGRA).