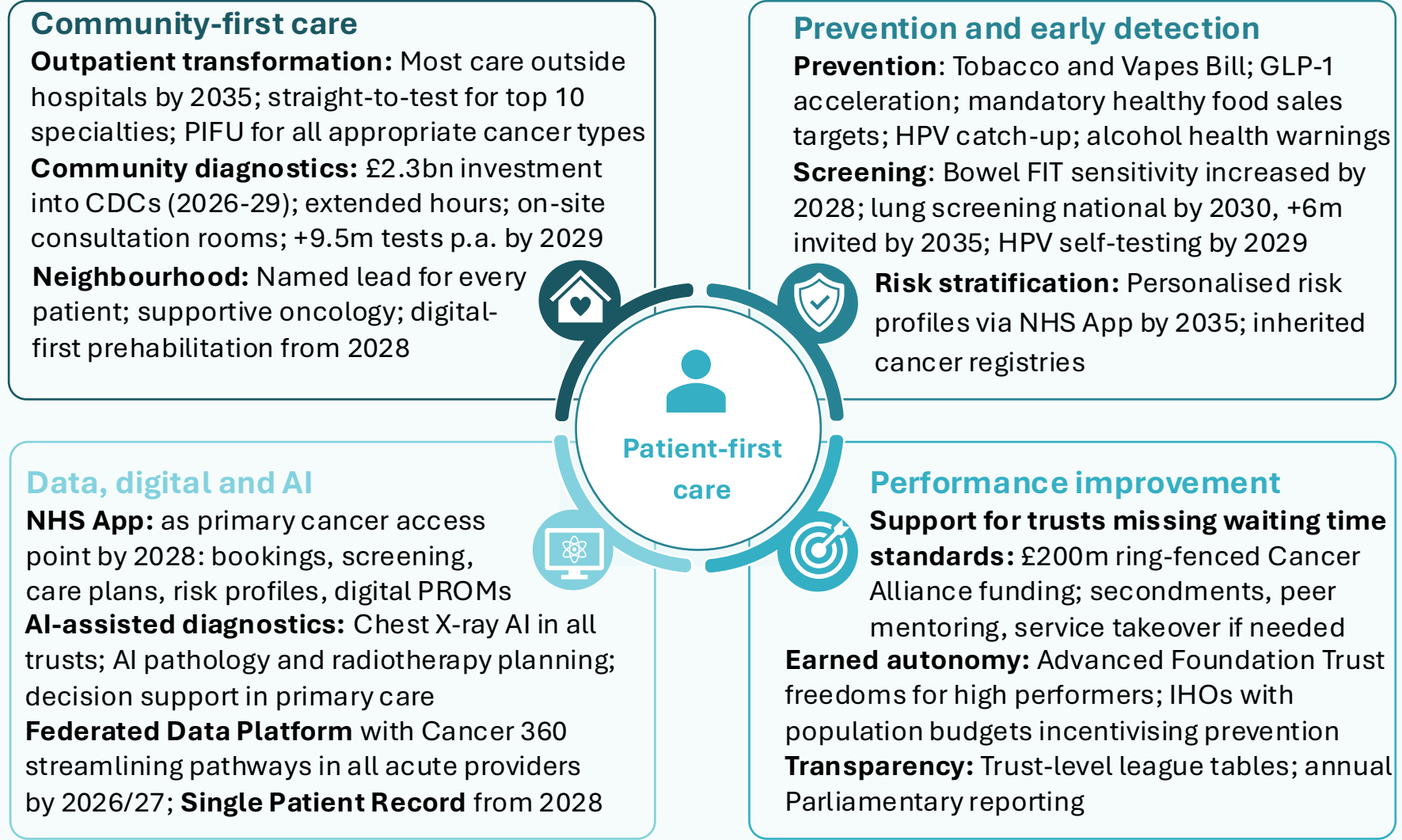


Cancer directly **affects 1 in 2 people** and is **England's biggest killer**. Despite multiple strategies, the NHS continues to underperform internationally on cancer outcomes. This Plan sets out a **10-year ambition** to establish England as a global leader, **saving 320,000 lives by 2035**, through a **new model of cancer care** centred on prevention, community-first delivery, data and AI, and stronger performance accountability.

A 10-year ambition to transform cancer outcomes

Now	March 2029	End of 2035
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ~60% five-year survival;• 62-day standard missed since 2015 (target: 85% within 62d, currently 63%)• Bottom 2 quartiles for 14 rare cancers• 2x mortality in most deprived areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All waiting time standards met• 9.5m+ diagnostic tests per year across all modalities (+12.8%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 75% five-year survival• Top quartile globally inc. 14 rare cancers• Stage 1 & 2 early diagnosis rates up 20 percentage points vs 2019

A new model of cancer care




Research and innovation as transformation engine


Six research priorities (2026-29) in partnership with industry:

- 🔍 **Multi-cancer detection** via blood, breath, saliva and urine tests
- 🧬 **Genomic testing** to tailor therapy to patients' cancer genetics
- 👨👩 **Gentler children and young people (CYP)** cancer treatments
- 💉 **Prevention** breakthroughs in weight-loss and vaccines
- 🏥 **New diagnostics** for least survivable **rare cancers**
- 🤝 **Long-term support** for 2.4m+ living with cancer

Making the **NHS the first-choice partner for cancer clinical trials** and **accelerating adoption of proven innovation** into routine practice

Priority areas

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CYP
Earlier diagnosis and lifelong support tailored to needs of younger patients; £10m p.a. for travel costs
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Rare cancers
Parity of focus in data, research (£13.7m+ for brain tumours), treatment access and accountability to end decades of poor survival.

Key priorities for NHS leaders:

- 1 **Workforce:** 2029 milestones require role redesign and skills development; full workforce model in 10 Year Workforce Plan
- 2 **Data maturity:** Earned autonomy frameworks will reward systems that can demonstrate strong performance – outcomes data readiness is a priority
- 3 **Governance:** League tables and parliamentary reporting require named cancer leads at every trust and ICB