



# Lung cancer screening Practice toolkit



Lung  
Cancer  
Screening

## Overview of Lung Cancer Screening

Lung cancer screening (*formerly targeted lung health check*) is a free NHS service designed to detect lung cancer early - often before symptoms appear and when it's more treatable and can be cured.

### Who is invited?

People aged

**55-74**

**Current or former smokers**  
(recorded in medical history)

**Registered with a GP**

**Living in areas** where the programme is available

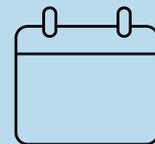
### What happens during a lung health check?



Initial assessment over the phone with a nurse who will ask a series of questions to assess the risk of lung cancer



Those considered high risk will be offered a low-dose CT scan at a convenient location in the community.



High risk individuals will be re-invited for a scan every two years.

## Lung cancer screening in Lancashire & South Cumbria

Lung cancer screening is rolling out across Lancashire and South Cumbria, with the aim to rollout to the whole region by 2030.

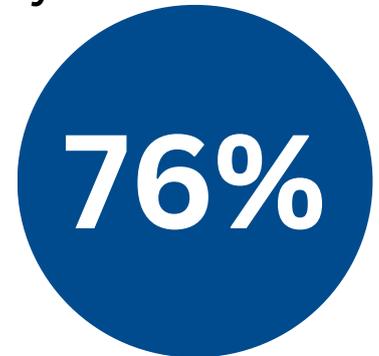
The following areas have been covered:

- Blackpool
- East Lancashire
- Blackburn with Darwen
- Fylde and Wyre.

**Lung cancer screening is currently operating in Preston.**

**Lung cancer screening is diagnosing lung cancer early. Over three quarters diagnosed through screening have been caught at stages 1 and 2.**

**Your patients are now being invited for screening. We would appreciate your support in raising awareness of screening and encouraging those eligible to take up the opportunity.**



## **Social media posts**

Are you aged 55–74? You may be contacted to take part in the Lung Cancer Screening programme.

You could be eligible if:

- ✓ You're between 55–74
- ✓ You're a current or former smoker (recorded in your medical history)
- ✓ You're registered with a GP surgery
- ✓ You live in an area where screening is currently operating

👉 Talk to us or visit [roycastle.org/lungcancerscreeninglancashire](https://roycastle.org/lungcancerscreeninglancashire)

 17 Been invited to Lung Cancer Screening? Don't ignore it!

Early detection saves lives – and it only takes a few minutes.

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If you're aged 55–74, you may be invited to join the Lung Health Check programme. It could help detect problems early, even before symptoms appear.

👉 More info [roycastle.org/lungcancerscreeninglancashire](https://roycastle.org/lungcancerscreeninglancashire)

## SMS Text Message Template

### If the invite has been sent already

NHS: You've been invited for Lung Cancer Screening. It's quick, easy and could save your life. Look out for your invite in the post or visit <http://roycastle.org/lungcancerscreeninglancashire> for more information.

Don't miss your lung screening appointment. It only takes a few minutes and could spot lung cancer early. Look out for your invite in the post or visit <http://roycastle.org/lungcancerscreeninglancashire> for more information.

A reminder from your GP: Lung screening helps detect cancer early – even if you feel fine. Look out for your invite in the post and book your free appointment today.

### If invite hasn't been sent yet:

NHS: You will soon be receiving an invite for Lung Cancer Screening. It is quick and easy and could save your life. Look out for your invite in the post or visit <http://roycastle.org/lungcancerscreeninglancashire> for more information.

NHS: Lung cancer screening is currently being rolled out in Preston. Lung screening can help to detect cancer early – it is important that you attend your appointment, even if you feel fine. Look out for your invite in the post or visit <http://roycastle.org/lungcancerscreeninglancashire> for more information.

### Subsequent screening rounds:

You will soon be receiving an appointment for your next Lung Cancer Screening CT scan; it is important that you attend. It's quick, easy and could save your life. For more information visit <http://roycastle.org/lungcancerscreeninglancashire>

NHS: You've been invited for your next Lung Cancer Screening CT scan. It's quick, easy and could save your life. Look out for your invite in the post or visit <http://roycastle.org/lungcancerscreeninglancashire> for more information.

## Practice Website Copy and newsletters

**Title:** Lung cancer screening now available to patients

**Body:** If you're aged 55-74 you may be contacted to participate in the programme. You will be eligible for a Lung Health Check if:

- You are aged between 55 and 74
- You are a current or former smoker (and this is recorded on your medical history)
- You are registered with a GP surgery
- You live in an area where screening is currently operating.

Find out more at <http://roycastle.org/lungcancerscreeninglancashire> or email [lscicb.lungscreening.enquiries@nhs.net](mailto:lscicb.lungscreening.enquiries@nhs.net)

## Download or request posters and flyers

Display posters and leaflets in visible areas, such as in waiting rooms and reception areas.

Materials can be downloaded via the below links.

[Click to download posters](#)

[Click to download flyers](#)

Pre-printed materials can be ordered free of charge via Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation.

Email [rachel.avery@roycastle.org](mailto:rachel.avery@roycastle.org) or call 0333 323 7200.



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NHS

My lung cancer was caught early before I had any symptoms.

Screening is currently being rolled out across England and is available for people aged 55-74 years old who have ever smoked and registered with a participating GP practice in the area.



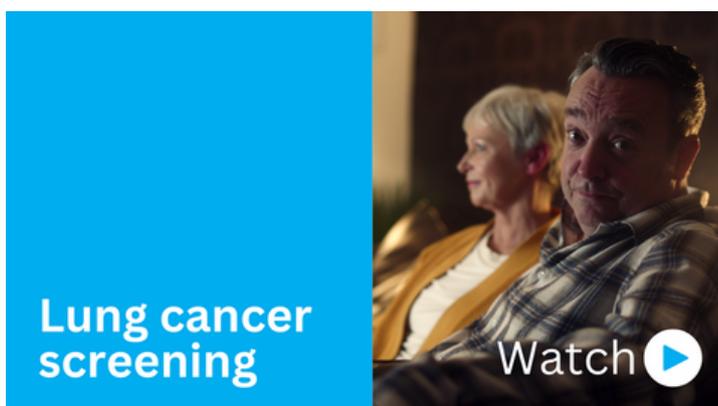
For more information, visit: [www.roycastle.org/screening](http://www.roycastle.org/screening) or scan the QR code

For general enquiries, email [lscicb.lungscreening.enquiries@nhs.net](mailto:lscicb.lungscreening.enquiries@nhs.net)

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## Video

Video content is available for use in waiting areas.



To access, click the links below or email [rachel.avery@roycastle.org](mailto:rachel.avery@roycastle.org) for the files.

Full length (1.34): <https://youtu.be/BrvIX4jQgwE>

Short 1 (0.20): [https://youtu.be/LA0b\\_FwkBjs](https://youtu.be/LA0b_FwkBjs)

Short 2 (0.26): <https://youtu.be/rG4s2Wo-YSw>

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **I'm under 55. Can I be screened?**

Screening is currently being rolled out across England and is available for people aged 55-74 years old. This may change in the future, please talk to your GP about your eligibility.

### **I'm eligible for screening. What do I need to do?**

You will receive a letter, followed by a phone call where you'll be asked a couple of questions to confirm you are eligible for screening. You will then be given a date for your telephone consultation.

### **I feel fine so why do I need to go?**

You should attend your screening appointment even if you are well. Many people with early-stage lung cancer have no symptoms. One of the main aims of this programme is to detect lung cancer at the earliest opportunity when there are more ways to treat it.

If you have any questions about lung cancer screening, contact:

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If you have any questions about any of the information within this toolkit, contact:

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