

Q&A

Lung cancer and Targeted Lung Health Check campaign

Why are we promoting lung health checks?

Lung health checks are vital to help patients know how well their lungs are working. They can help to find lung cancer and other lung conditions as early as possible. Most people will be told they have healthy lungs. But lung health checks can find problems early, often before anyone notices anything is wrong.

How can lung health checks help?

Between April 2023 – March 2024, **20,403** eligible people were invited to attend their lung health check. **13,502** people attended and out of those **89** were diagnosed with a lung cancer (and **14** other cancers detected). The overall uptake for the year was **66%, increased from 50.3% during April 2023 – March 2023.**

It is our hope that we can increase the uptake on lung health checks across Staffordshire and Stoke – on – Trent.

Who is eligible for a lung health check?

Those invited for a lung health check will be:

- aged between 55 and 74
- have ever smoked and their GP has this on record

How will they be notified?

All eligible patients will get a letter or phone call from their GP or local NHS service to invite you for an appointment.

Patients can also call: 01782 671554 or 01782 671553

Patients can also self-refer by filling out the appointment form here:

<https://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/our-services/lung-health-checks/request-an-appointment-for-a-lung-health-check/>