

November 2023 Lung cancer awareness month

### Lung cancer facts:

## Lung cancer screening

# saves lives

## The initiative

In lung cancer screening programmes, **asymptomatic, at-risk** individuals



(e.g. specific age and smoking history) are invited for a consult by their GP or local hospital.

If necessary, they are offered an **ultra-low dose CT scan** of their lungs. Based on the outcome, they receive follow-up scans or treatment.





## The research

#### **Proven benefits**

Results of the <u>NELSON trial</u> showed significant reductions in total lung cancer deaths by 24% for men and 33% for women, compared with no screening.

#### Low potential harm

An <u>analysis</u> of five UK lung cancer screening programmes concludes that the reported patient harms were low and did not outweigh the benefits.

## "Targeted lung cancer screening is likely to be the single most important implementation to improve outcomes in patients with lung cancer."

Joint statement by the British Society of Thoracic Imaging and the Royal College of Radiologists

## An example

#### **The Targeted Lung Health Checks**

Since 2018, the initiative has boosted early diagnosis

- in deprived areas, catching **2,000 lung cancers, 76% at** an early stage.
- The programme will be <u>rolled out</u> across the UK, giving an
- expected 9,000 people each year a fighting chance against lung cancer through early diagnosis.
- Artificial intelligence (AI) tool <u>Veye Lung Nodules</u> is supporting



This service is run by specially trained nurses who will book a telephone appointment at a convenient time for you to talk about your lungs.





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