

Greater Manchester Targeted Lung Health Check Programme

Programme Background

Nationally, the TLHC programme has diagnosed over 2,700 lung cancers, more than 77% (of stageable cancers) at stage one or two. TLHCs have a significant positive impact on health inequalities and will contribute around 2% to the Long Term Plan ambition to diagnose 75% of cancers at an early stage.

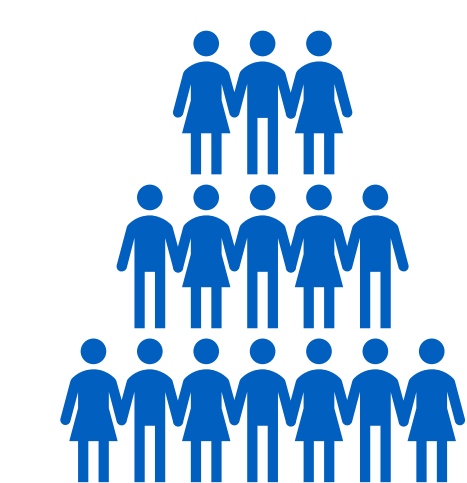
The UK National Screening Committee recommended lung cancer screening for the first time in Sept 2022, and this recommendation was agreed by the Government in June 2023. The TLHC programme will transition to this national lung screening programme over the next 5 years.



A targeted lung health check community clinic with a mobile CT scanner

Outcomes

Since its inception, the programme has invited 100% of the eligible population in Salford, Tameside, and North Manchester, with many people being diagnosed at an earlier stage. Some key statistics are shown below:



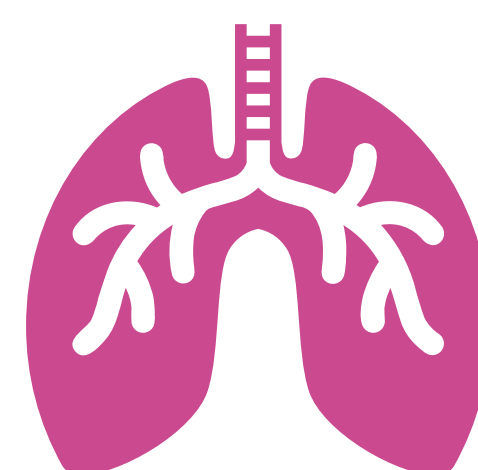
>110,000 people invited



>55,000 LHCs completed



>27,000 baseline CT scans



>550 lung cancers diagnosed



>80% diagnosed at stage I/II



A map of the 10 Greater Manchester localities.

Within GM, a Primary Care Network, risk-stratified approach has been developed which aims to invite participants at the greatest risk of lung cancer first. This ensures that the programme expands as equitably as possible whilst also enabling providers to best deliver complex services effectively and sustainably.

The GM TLHC programme will be delivered collaboratively by Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust (MFT), Northern Care Alliance NHS Foundation Trust, and The Christie Foundation Trust. MFT will deliver the community-based programme using mobile clinics and CT scanners with the other providers carrying out diagnostic and treatment pathways alongside MFT.

Approach to Programme Expansion

Communications & Engagement Strategy

Within GM, the cancer alliance currently leads on the development and oversight of the communications and engagement strategy for the programme.

A multi-channel strategy has been developed and will be delivered in collaboration with various partners to ensure that messages reach participants in a variety of formats, acknowledging that our approach will need to vary based on the population being invited.



Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation at an engagement event at the Wythenshawe Forum, April 2024.

Through our communications and engagement strategy, we aim to focus on addressing misconceptions and barriers to access through the use of known motivators, with a particular emphasis on groups with higher ever-smoker prevalence and those with poor health literacy.