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Lung Cancer Screening and Awareness

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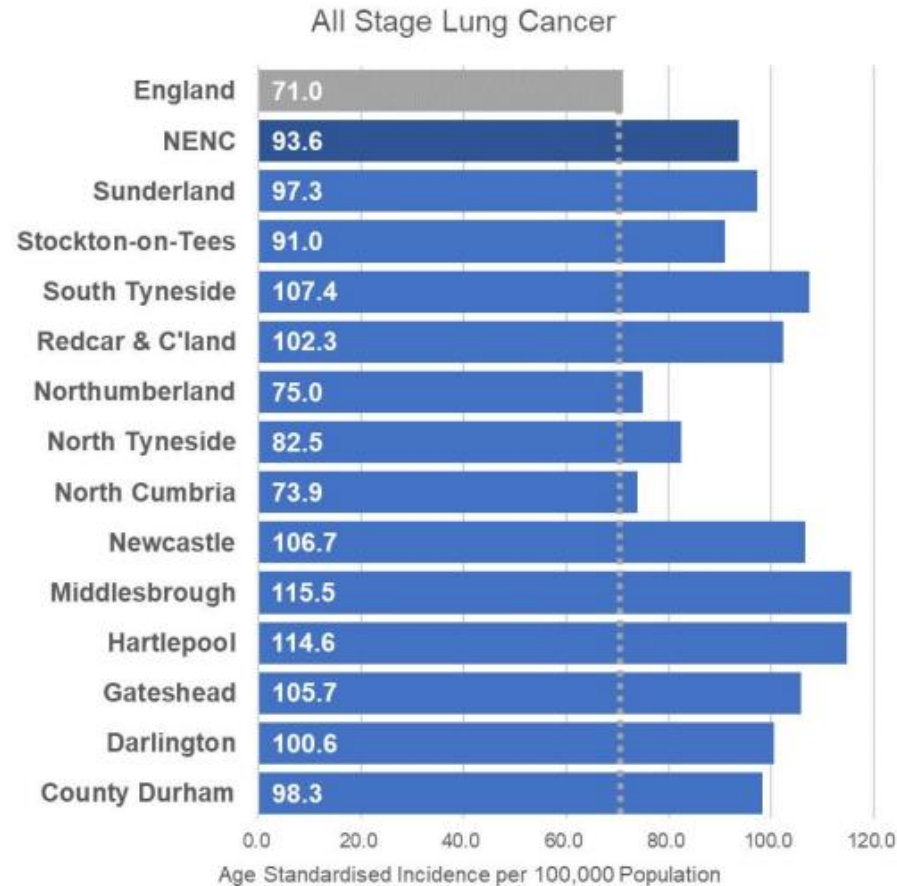
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Background – Lung Cancer



- Leading cause of cancer deaths nationally
- Excess of late-stage and emergency presentations
- High prevalence in North East and North Cumbria
- In 2019, only 27% of lung cancers were diagnosed at an early stage

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Lung Cancer Screening

Finds lung cancer **earlier**, when it's easier to **treat** and **cure**.

It's for people who are:

- Aged **55-74**
- Current or former **smokers**
- Registered with a **GP in England**

Eligible people are invited by telephone or letter.

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Lung Cancer Screening



Part 1 – Lung Health Check

Eligible people will be invited by phone or letter for a quick chat, usually over the phone. We'll ask some simple questions to work out their risk of getting lung cancer. It only takes about 15 minutes.



Part 2 – Lung Scan

Those at higher risk are offered a quick, painless CT scan. This is done either at one of our mobile scanning units, or at hospital. It only takes a few minutes. Participants get their results within 4 weeks.

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Lung Cancer Screening - North East and North Cumbria

We have full geographic coverage across NENC.

Four projects:

- **Newcastle Gateshead** – Live in March 2021
- **Tees Valley** – Live in August 2022
- **South Tyneside and Sunderland** – Live in October 2022
- **North (Northumberland, North Tyneside, North Cumbria, County Durham)** – Live in April 2024



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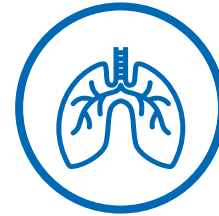
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Lung Cancer Screening Across North East and North Cumbria

As of August 2025, we have:



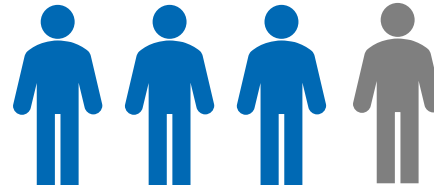
Invited **239,617** people



Diagnosed **840** cancers



Carried out **139,650**
Lung Health Checks



3 out of 4 of those
cancers were found at an
early stage



Carried out **81,315** CT
scans

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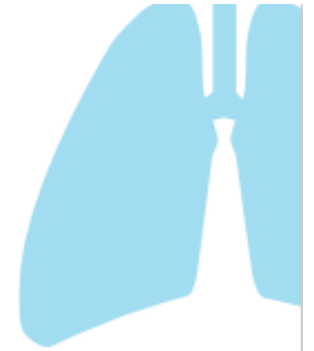
Signs and Symptoms of Lung Cancer

Screening aims to catch cancer earlier before people feel unwell, but we also want people to be aware of the **signs and symptoms of lung cancer** and how to get them checked.

Know the signs and symptoms of lung cancer:

- Persistent or changing cough
- Coughing up blood
- Shortness of breath
- Unexplained tiredness, loss of appetite/weight
- Ache or pain when breathing or coughing

If you notice any of these symptoms, **see your GP.**





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Raising Awareness



Beer mats delivered to local pubs and social clubs



Ad campaign on bus shelters and out-of-home digital screens



A roadshow of events in shopping centres and supermarkets across North East and North Cumbria

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Opportunities to Work Together

- Hold awareness raising events with employers
- Raise awareness of the signs and symptoms of lung cancer and how to get them checked
- Raise awareness of Lung Cancer Screening for eligible people and their friends and family
- Offer eligible people the chance to have a quick Lung Health Check over the phone on the day



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