**What happens at Lung Cancer Screening?**

**A new and informative video has been produced by the Lung Cancer Screening team at the South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Cancer Alliance to help people better understand what happens at a Lung Cancer Screening appointment.**

Lung Cancer Screening (LCS) launched in Doncaster as one of 10 pilot areas in 2021

and has since made its way across South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw (SYB), with the aim offinding lung cancer at an earlier stage and reducing the health inequalities gap. These

pilots were so successful that it is going to be a national programme by 2029.

If you're aged between 55 and 74, smoke or used to smoke, and are registered with a GP in SYB, you will receive a letter inviting you for LCS. Eligible Sheffield residents are

currently being invited as the final area of SYB to launch, and this initial round should becompleted by April 2026.

LCS revisited Bassetlaw at the end of last year, inviting people who have turned 55 or

moved to the area since it was last there. People who attended their appointment but

didn't quite reach the risk score needed for a scan referral were also invited, because

the risk of lung cancer increases with age. For the same reason, and because their risk

score is unknown, those who didn’t respond last time were also included in this new

cohort.

The same cohort of people are now being invited in Doncaster, and Rotherham and

Barnsley patients who now meet the criteria will be invited from next month.

Dr Jason Page, LCS Clinical Director in SYB, said: "Now we are established in Sheffield

and returning to our other areas, we have a better understanding of our eligible

population and any barriers to them attending their appointments.

"A common barrier for people is feeling anxious about having a scan. LCS is in two parts: the Lung Health Check, which is a telephone conversation with a healthcare

professional who will ask you questions to determine your risk of developing lung

cancer. Only if your risk score meets a certain threshold will you be referred for the

second part, a scan. It's a misconception that if you are eligible for LCS you will

automatically have a scan, when only around 50% of people who have a Lung Health

Check will be referred for one.

"We want our SYB residents to be well informed about LCS, so have produced a video

that follows the process and walks you through what happens at a scan appointment.

We're very proud of it and truly hope it helps people."

The video features a Rotherham resident who attended his LCS appointment in 2023,

was referred for a scan, and a nodule was found on his lung. Mirban Hussain had

surgery to remove the cancer, and two years later he is cancer free. He said: "I'm so

thankful I went to my LCS appointment and I'm so thankful for what it's done for me and my family.

"If you do get an invite, please, please, please go for your check. It saved my life."

You can watch the four-minute video at [**https://youtu.be/DE257Iz41F4**](https://youtu.be/DE257Iz41F4)

**Image captions:**

The new video walks you through what happens at a Lung Cancer Screening scan appointment

Rotherham resident Mirban Hussain had his Lung Cancer Screening in 2023 and is now an ambassador for the programme

South Yorkshire Mayor Oliver Coppard (third from right) attended the Sheffield Lung Cancer Screening launch. LCS Clinical Director SYB Dr Jason Page is second from the left (L-R: LCS Project Manager SYB Asha Gudibandi, Dr Jason Page, Mobile Manager Alliance Medical Dawn Baldwin, SY Mayor Coppard, Head of Clinical Operations for Screening Services at Xyla Services Ryan Rukas, and LCS Senior Comms and Engagement Officer SYB Hannah Young)