

# Community Pharmacy NHS Smoking Cessation Service Support for Targeted Lung Health Check Services - Pilot

Community Pharmacy Webinar

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# Community Pharmacy NHS Smoking Cessation Service (SCS)



- Aligned with the prevention ambitions of the NHS Long term plan
- Ottawa Model for Smoking Cessation
- Pilots clearly demonstrated that community pharmacy is an acceptable destination for referrals
- Support for NHS Acute and Mental Health Trust inpatients who wish to continue a quit attempt post discharge

Service received a 'soft' launch in March 2022

# Community Pharmacy NHS Smoking Cessation Service (SCS)

- ~ 5000 community pharmacists registered to deliver SCS
- > 90 NHS Trusts live with the pathway
- > 4000 referrals into community pharmacy
- > 50% quit rate for individuals who engage with the service
- Approached by OHID to support the TLHC service



Considered a natural extension of SCS

# Targeted Lung Health Checks (TLHC)



# Lung Cancer – The Current Picture

- 3<sup>rd</sup> most common cancer in the UK
- The most frequent cause of cancer death
- 24% cases are diagnosed via A&E  
emergency presentations
- During the pandemic, 2500 fewer people  
started treatment for lung cancer



1 year survival is >4.5 times higher when diagnosed at an earlier stage

## SURVIVAL BY STAGE OF DIAGNOSIS



CANCER  
RESEARCH  
UK

DIAGNOSED **EARLIER**  
AT STAGE I

DIAGNOSED **LATER**  
AT STAGE IV

88%



19%

- **We have a problem with late stage diagnosis**
  - 71% lung cancers are diagnosed at stages III and IV
  - Around 50% are diagnosed at the latest stage IV



Cervical



Bowel



Breast



Lung

A new (targeted) screening programme....

# What are TLHCs?

## **Who is it for?** Targeted to....

- Current smokers and ex-smokers
- Aged between 55 and 74

Patients are highlighted as eligible based on their GP record

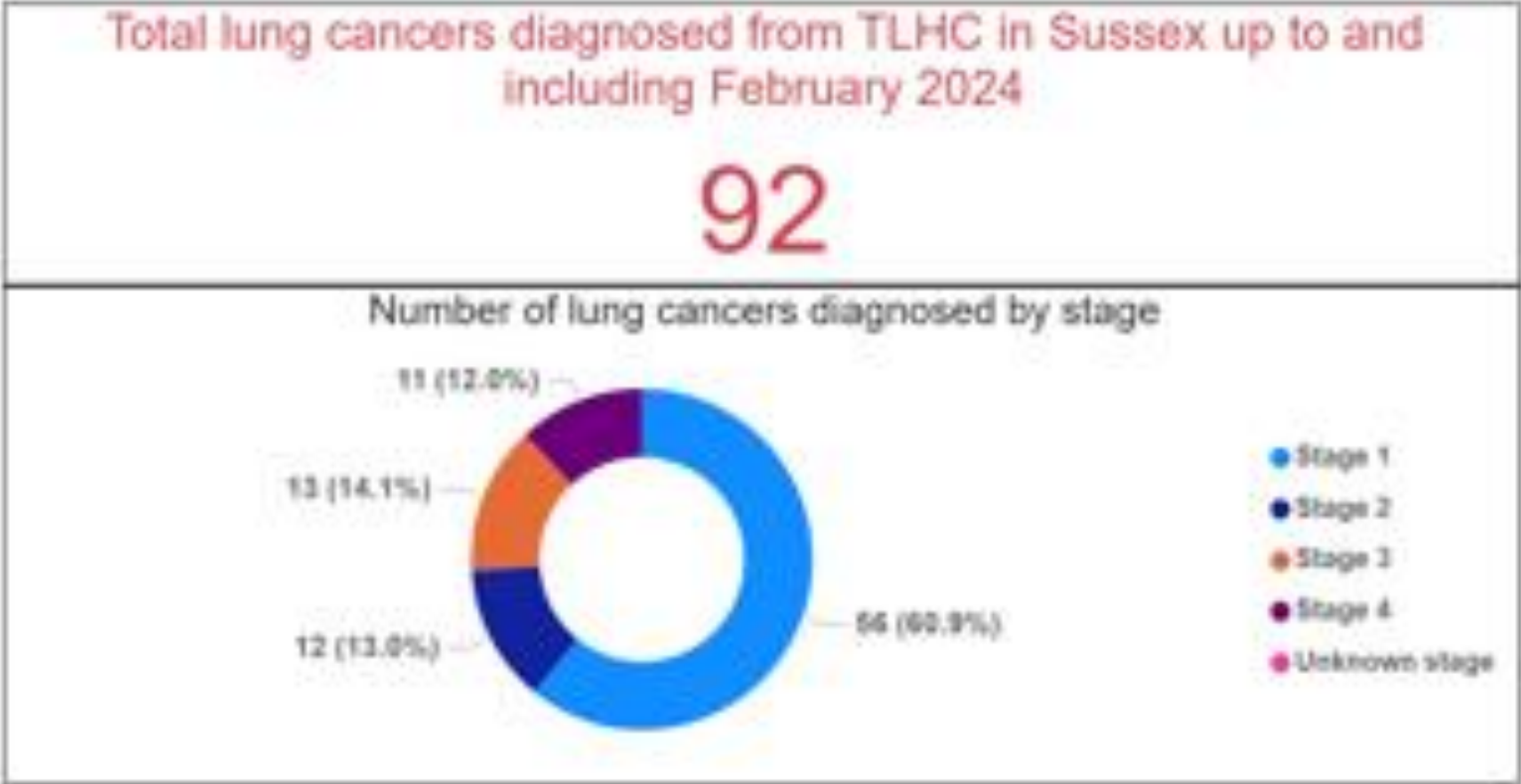




# What are TLHCs?

- **What happens?** Patients are invited for a telephone triage call, then a lung health check & a LDCT (if high risk), to be recalled for rescanning 2 years later
- **Where?** TLHCs will be taken into communities, PCN by PCN, with a mobile CT scanner, to remain in the area for  $\frac{3}{4}$  months
- **Unique features?** Holistic approach – patients given brief smoking cessation advice

# Results so far



# Pilot - Support for TLHC Services

- Aligned with prevention services (including other Pharmacy Integration Pilots)
- Very similar model to SCS



# Pilot - Support for TLHC Services


- Registration portal is now open
- Service specification

<https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/pharmacies-gp-practices-and-appliance-contractors/dispensing-contractors-information/nhs-smoking-cessation-service-pilot-support-targeted-lung-health-check-tlhc-screening>

- Additional payment for taking part in the pilot
- Consultations can be completed by any member of the pharmacy team (as long as they have completed the necessary training and are qualified NCSCT smoking cessation practitioners)
- Referrals will be made by NHS mail
- Pharmacy teams required to contact the patient and agree an appointment
- Consultations need to be recorded on the web-based consultation tool

# Pilot - Support for TLHC Services


## Web-based Consultation Tool

Smoking Cessation Referrals - Targeted Lung Health Check Service 

Please complete this form to register any consultations recorded under this new pilot service.  
**Please have the patients unique Patient Medication Record (PMR) ID available to input.**  
**(if you are unable to create a unique PMR ID then please create an alternate identifier that does not compromise the individuals identity and use this throughout the quit attempt)**

**1**

Date of consultation \*

Please input date (dd/MM/yyyy) 

- Once the details of the consultation are submitted a copy of the responses can be printed / saved as a pdf
- Automatically generate invoices based on the service specification and the activity submitted

# Pilot - Support for TLHC Services

## Reporting

- Majority of reports will be generated by the NHSE team
- Please report any significant milestones direct to the TLHC service (email provided)
  - Whether a patient has engaged or not
  - 28 day (post agreed quit date) outcome
  - Final outcome
- GP should also be notified of any significant outcomes

# Pilot - Support for TLHC Services

This is a great opportunity to showcase the skills of the community pharmacy team and how we can support the wider healthcare network

**Any questions?**