

Report to the Health & Wellbeing Board

3 March 2021

Agenda Item: 7

REPORT OF NHS NOTTINGHAM & NOTTINGHAMSHIRE CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP

LAUNCH OF THE TARGETED LUNG HEALTH CHECKS PROGRAMME

Purpose of the Report

1. To update the Nottinghamshire Health and Wellbeing Board on the launch of the Targeted Lung Health Checks Programme.

Information

- 2. The Targeted Lung Health Checks (TLHC) programme is a new programme of work in England which will contribute to the ambition of the NHS Long Term Plan to improve early diagnosis and survival for those diagnosed with cancer.
- 3. The TLHC programme targets those most at risk of lung cancer and will initially work with Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG) who have some of the highest rates of mortality from lung cancer.
- 4. NHS England has given £70 million to fund the programme and ten projects, covering fourteen CCGs, over the next four years. It aims to deliver the programme to approximately 600,000 eligible participants. Sites have been chosen based on high rates of lung cancer mortality and smoking prevalence. Mansfield and Ashfield have been included in this first phase.
- 5. The TLHC programme objectives are;
 - To increase the number of lung cancers diagnosed at an early stage, thereby improving survival rates.
 - Identify other undiagnosed respiratory disease e.g. Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).
 - Increase smoking guit rates.
- 6. NHS England has awarded more than £5m to fund Targeted Lung Health Checks for Mansfield and Ashfield residents who are most at risk of developing lung cancer.
- 7. The programme is aimed at people who are aged between 55 and 74 with a history of smoking and are registered with a GP practice within Mansfield and Ashfield. By using the primary care record for smoking history, it is estimated that 70% of people within the eligible age range will have a record of ever smoking (31,925 people). Those identified will be offered a lung health

check and, where applicable, a low-dose CT scan at a mobile unit based within a community setting.

- 8. Invitations will be sent by letter for patients to have a telephone lung health assessment, where a risk score will be calculated. Those scored as high risk will then be invited for a face to face lung health check, performed by nurses and a CT scan at the mobile unit. A smoking cessation advisor will be available at the mobile unit and current smokers will be encouraged to attend. The ambition is that the mobile unit will make the service as accessible as possible, increase the rate of uptake and act as a 'one shop stop'.
- 9. The programme will begin in Mansfield and Ashfield in March 2021 and is expected to start with a soft launch at a small number of GP practices, before gradually increasing activity, with the programme expected to last 4-5 years in total.

Other Options Considered

10. None.

Reason/s for Recommendation

11. To provide information on the launch of the Targeted Lung Health Check programme in Mansfield and Ashfield.

Financial Implications

12. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

Statutory and Policy Implications

13. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION

1) To inform the Health and Wellbeing Board about the launch of the Targeted Lung Health Check programme in Mansfield and Ashfield and consider its role in promoting the programme locally.

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Constitutional Comments (CEH 19/02/2021)

14. The contents of the report can be considered by the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Financial Comments (OC20 17/02/2021)

15. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

'All'