

13 June 2019		ITEM: 7
Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee		
Targeted Lung Health Checks Programme – Thurrock Clinical Commissioning Group		
Wards and communities affected: All	Key Decision: For Information	
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Executive Summary

Thurrock Clinical Commissioning Group has been identified and chosen for a four year investment in the National Targeted Lung Health Checks Programme due to high lung cancer mortality, high incidence of smoking and high incidence of lung cancer rates. Working with the East of England Cancer Alliance, NHS England Regional and National Team - Thurrock Clinical Commissioning Group have started on the set up of a programme to deliver Targeted Lung Health Checks.

1. Recommendation(s)

1.1 That the Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee note and support the delivery plan for the Targeted Lung Health Checks Programme and the later commencement of the programme for the people of Thurrock.

2. Introduction and Background

2.1 NHS England confirmed in February a four year investment in 14 Targeted Lung Health Checks Programmes across England to improve the early detection of lung cancer and other respiratory disease. Two Clinical Commissioning Groups (Luton and Thurrock) within the East of England Cancer Alliance footprint were identified and chosen to be part of the National Programme as having the highest lung cancer mortality rates along with a high incidence of lung cancer.

- 2.2 The aim of the Targeted Lung Health Checks Programme is to identify those at risk of developing lung cancer and increase the number of lung cancers diagnosed at an early stage by providing targeted low dose Computerised Tomography (CT) scans.
- 2.3 Thurrock Clinical Commissioning Group people registered with a General Practitioner who are current smokers or ever smoked aged 55 to 74 years and 364 days will be invited to a Lung Health Check where they will undertake a spirometry test and a lung cancer risk assessment. If appropriate they will be offered smoking cessation advice. If they are assessed as high risk they will undertake a low dose CT scan and if lung cancer is suspected they will be referred to a rapid access lung clinic. If they are low risk they will not undertake a scan and will be referred back to their General Practitioner if significant 'other' disease is diagnosed.
- 2.4 A joint Thurrock and Luton Clinical Commissioning Group clinically lead Programme Team has recently been established and work has commenced to set up the local programmes working with NHS England Regional, and National Teams.

3. Issues, Options and Analysis of Options – N/A

4. Reasons for Recommendation – N/A

5. Consultation (including Overview and Scrutiny, if applicable)

- 5.1 No formal consultation was needed as this programme came out of a national announcement around improving rates of cancer survival. However, three outreach events have already occurred. One in March with clinicians at Basildon and Thurrock Hospital from Cardiology, Radiology, Cancer services and public health. A further co-production event with clinicians, patient representatives, nurses and community service providers and public health. This helped to shape the early programme development and put together the recommendations for location of screening sites and service design.

Further patient input was gained at the Clinical Commissioning Group's Commissioning Reference group in May, where people were given the opportunity to ask questions and feed in to the communications around the programme.

6. Impact on corporate policies, priorities, performance and community impact

- 6.1 There will be an impact on increased referrals to smoking cessation services, community respiratory and management of patients within the community following screening. The location of the screening sites will be designed to reduce impact on the community and provide equality of access. North East London NHS Foundation Trust (NELFT) Respiratory Team, Thurrock

Healthy Lifestyles and the public health teams have been involved in the co-production event and will be involved further as the plans progress.

- 6.2 There is obvious clinical impact on capacity for existing hospital services, but there is financial capacity to recruit further to boost staff numbers.

7. Implications

Health inequalities were identified by the Government across 14 areas and following the Nelson Study, on pilot sites in Manchester and Leeds, the Targeted Lung Health Checks programme was set at a narrow cohort of patients for who this would have the greatest impact.

There is an implication on the numbers of staff needed to cover extra diagnostic and treatment pathways. Radiologists and nurses are difficult to recruit to, even though there is money in the programme 'pot' to recruit extra staff. This is being assessed with Basildon & Thurrock University Hospital and Mid and Essex group of hospitals (Mid Southend Basildon).

- 8. Background papers used in preparing the report** (including their location on the Council's website or identification whether any are exempt or protected by copyright):

Detailed references are made within the presentation.

9. Appendices to the report

Appendix 1 - Targeted Lung Health Checks Programme – Thurrock Clinical Commissioning Group

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