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Dear Jack Sargeant MS,

Thank you for your letter of 23 May about Petition P-06-1435 calling on the Welsh Government to commit to implementing targeted lung cancer screening.

In June 2022, the UK National Screening Committee (UK NSC) recommended targeted screening for lung cancer for people aged 55 to 74 who are identified as being at high risk of lung cancer. Part of this recommendation was for the four UK nations to move towards implementation of targeted lung cancer screening with integrated smoking cessation service provision and for a lung cancer screening task group be set up to help refine the recommendation, address implementation challenges, and determine the optimum protocols and pathway for screening across the UK.

I can confirm that a UK task group has been established and that the four UK nations are meeting regularly to share information and learning about how a screening programme can best be implemented.

Public Health Wales is taking forward scoping work to determine fundamental information about the conditions necessary to implement a programme in Wales, including the resource and workforce requirements and potential impact on health board services. This work will be necessary before a timetable for implementation can be established. The first phase of the scoping work has started and is due to be completed by autumn 2025. The evaluation of the Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board lung screening pilot should also have concluded at this point and will provide valuable learning.

None of the UK nations has implemented a lung screening programme as yet and all are working together to find an optimal delivery model. The Welsh Government is committed to

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following the advice of the UK NSC and is working on how best to implement a national targeted lung screening programme, as well as smoking cessation support, in Wales.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. E. Morgan'.

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Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care

Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros Iechyd a Gofal Cymdeithasol