

LOOKING AFTER OUR LUNGS

Our lungs work hard every day, so it's important we look after them - particularly as we get older.

Lung health checks are a great way to make sure our lungs are working ok. But there are many things we can do to improve our lung health:

- Be more active
- Eat a balanced diet
- Reduce alcohol intake
- Stop smoking.

For more information about how to look after your lungs, visit www.southendlunghealthcheck.nhs.uk



Jane's story

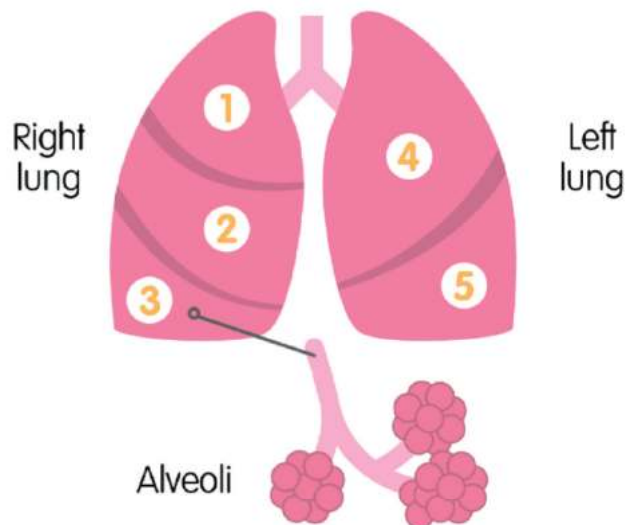


“ I felt quite worried when I received a letter inviting me to have a lung health check because I have been a smoker in the past. But the nurse I saw was very reassuring and not judgemental at all. We had a chat about my general health and then she did a breathing test with me - the results were fine. I was so relieved, and I felt pleased that the lifestyle changes I've made have made a difference to my health. ”

YOUR LUNGS COULD BE EASIER TO FIX THAN YOU THINK

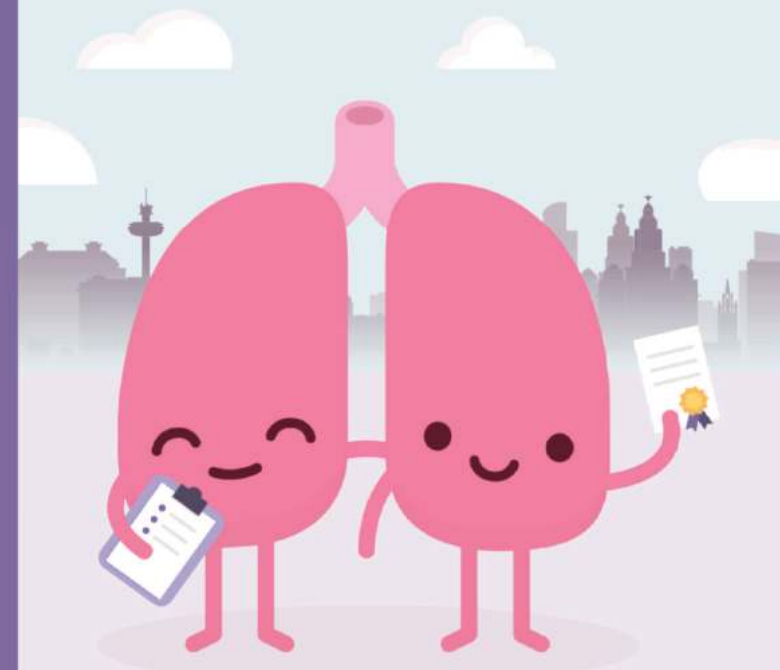
You have two lungs, made up of 5 sections called lobes.

- Each lobe is made up of thousands of tiny grape-like sacs, called alveoli.
- If there is a problem on one bit of the lung, early treatment can focus just on the bit that is affected.



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AGED 55-74?
YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE
FOR A FREE
LUNG HEALTH CHECK

M.O.T. FOR YOUR LUNGS

A lung health check is a simple check up to find out how well your lungs are working.

Lung health checks are available to people aged 55-74 who have ever smoked.

If you are eligible, you will receive a letter inviting you to attend a lung health check. You are invited whether you feel fine, or not.

If you have not received a letter, or are unsure if you are eligible, speak to your GP.

BENEFITS OF THE LUNG HEALTH CHECK



WHAT YOU'LL GET

- 1 You'll have a virtual appointment with a nurse, either over the phone or a video consultation.
- 2 The nurse will ask you some questions about your breathing and about your overall lung health.
- 3 The nurse may also talk to you about having a lung scan to check for early signs of lung cancer.
- 4 You'll have plenty of time to chat to a nurse and ask any questions. You can bring a friend, family member or a partner with you on the day.

For more information about Targeted Lung Health Checks, visit:
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Steve's story



"I've been a smoker for almost 40 years, so attending a lung health check made complete sense to me. During my appointment, I was offered a scan which showed some small shadows on my lungs called nodules. They told me these are fairly common, and thankfully it wasn't lung cancer. A second scan showed they had gone, but getting checked out helped put my mind at ease. I would definitely recommend it."

Jo's story



"I wasn't hesitant about going for a lung health check. It doesn't hurt to have your health checked out. I was surprised to be invited for a CT scan, but the nurse explained this was pretty common."

I was in complete shock when I was diagnosed with lung cancer, but I count myself extremely lucky.

Without this intervention, things could be very different."