

## **Early diagnosis of lung cancer campaign: Participant Information Sheet**

You are being invited to take part in a study to help us understand whether cancer awareness campaigns are effective/are working. You have been chosen at random to take part. This leaflet explains why the study is being done and what it will involve. You can then decide if you want to take part.

Please listen or read the following information about the research.

Take time to ask questions. Don't feel rushed.

Taking part is voluntary. It is up to you to decide to take part or not.

### **Who is doing this research?**

The HSE National Cancer Control Programme Ireland (NCCP for short).

### **Why is this study being done?**

The study aims to find out more about awareness of lung cancer in Ireland.

The results will be used to inform HSE campaigns to improve the early diagnosis of lung cancer.

### **Why am I being asked to take part?**

We are asking adults aged 50+ living in Ireland to take part. You have been chosen at random to take part.

### **Who is organising the study?**

Core Research are doing the survey on behalf of the HSE's National Cancer Control Programme Ireland (NCCP).

### **What will happen if I agree to take part?**

If you decide to take part, we will ask you the survey questions. Your answers will be anonymous. We will take note of your answers. It will take about 7 minutes. A member of the trained interviewing team will ask you the questions.

Taking part is voluntary. It is up to you to decide to take part or not. You will be asked if you want to take part.

You can still change your mind at any time during the survey interview without giving a reason. You won't be able to change your mind when the survey is completely finished. That is because we won't be able to tell which answers are yours, as they will not have any details that will connect them with you

### **Benefits**

The results will be used to understand whether lung cancer awareness campaigns are effective/ work.

### **Risks**

The survey questions are about cancer awareness. You may be upset by the topic of cancer if you, or someone close to you, has had cancer.

You may hear about a sign or symptom in the survey which worries you. If you are worried about a possible sign of cancer, please contact your GP to discuss.

### **Information Resources**

If you want to learn more symptoms cancer or support services the interviewer can provide you with an information poster and details of local cancer support centres.

You can also use the websites or contact numbers below please see information sources below

- HSE NCCP early detection webpage: [www.hse.ie/cancerearlydetection](http://www.hse.ie/cancerearlydetection)
- HSE cancer prevention webpage: <https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/cancer/reduce-risk/>
- Irish Cancer Society Support line: <https://www.cancer.ie/cancer-information-and-support/cancer-support/find-support/support-line> / Freephone 1800 200 700
- NCCP Directory of Community Cancer Support Centres and Services: <https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/5/cancer/profinfo/survivorship-programme/nccp-directory-of-community-cancer-support-centres-and-services.pdf>

### **Confidentiality**

Please be assured all data is collected anonymously, and only analysed at an overall level in accordance with GDPR and market research guidelines.

**Information collected**

The research data will remain confidential at all times. Everyone's answers will be grouped together so that no individual's responses will be identified. It will not be possible to identify you from the published information, research or dataset.

The unidentified data will be kept for further analysis, including comparisons for future surveys. The data will not be used for commercial purposes or given to commercial organisations for analysis. Unidentified data may be analysed in the future by different researchers and health service personnel, from other organisations outside the NCCP, under agreed conditions.

Thank you for taking the time to listen or read this information sheet.