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## Indicator CCG06

The proportion of lung cancer cases for which a stage at diagnosis is recorded.

## Indicator type

Clinical commissioning group indicator.

## Rationale

Lung cancer has one of the lowest survival outcomes of any cancer, more than two-thirds of people are diagnosed at a late stage when curative treatment is not possible. Earlier diagnosis and referral to specialist teams should improve survival rates. This indicator therefore aims to inform actions to increase the number of cases of lung cancer detected at an earlier stage.

## Source guidance

## [Lung cancer: diagnosis and management. NICE guideline NG122](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng122) (2019), section 1.3.

## Specification

Numerator: Number of cases in the denominator with a valid stage at diagnosis recorded, as defined by [UKIACR](http://www.ukiacr.org/) registration rules.

Denominator: The number of new cases of lung cancer.

Calculation: (Numerator/denominator)\*100

Exclusions: None

Data source: [National Lung Cancer Audit](https://nlca.azurewebsites.net/).

Minimum population: The indicator would be appropriate to assess performance of individual CCGs.

## Further information

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