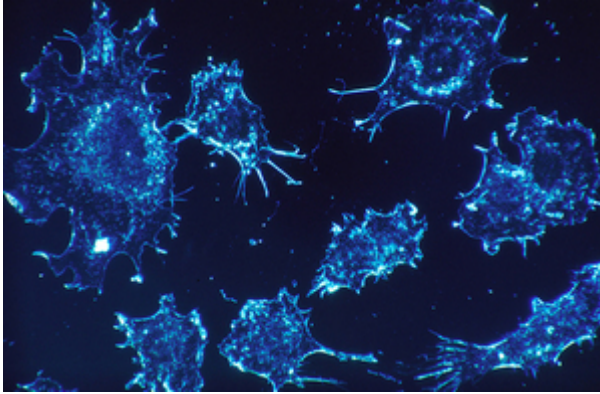


News story: Government announces plans for earlier diagnosis for cancer patients



As part of the long-term plan for the NHS, a package of measures will be rolled out across the country with the aim of seeing 3 out of 4 of all cancers detected at an early stage by 2028.

The plan will:

- overhaul screening programmes
- provide new investment in state-of-the-art technology to transform the process of diagnosis
- boost research and innovation

Screening programmes will be made more accessible and easier to use. They will be based on the latest breakthrough research and technology. Those at risk will be able to benefit from options including:

- new tests for bowel cancer
- mobile lung screening units
- the roll-out of rapid diagnostic centres across the country with same-day testing

Patients diagnosed early, at stages 1 or 2, have the best chance of long-term survival. For example, 96% of people with colorectal cancer diagnosed at stage 1 will survive one year or more, compared with 46% diagnosed at stage 4.

At present, 52% of the top 10 cancers are diagnosed at stages 1 and 2. The government aims to increase this to 75% by 2028.

As part of the new measures the government will:

- use artificial intelligence (AI) to better target at-risk populations and bring screening closer to home
- lower the recommended starting age for bowel cancer screening from 60 to 50 and adopt a new easier to use test (the Faecal Immunochemical Test)

which detects cancer at an earlier stage

- speed up access to ground-breaking treatments with quicker translation of new breakthroughs into practice, through investment in world-leading cancer research centres

Funding for today's announcement will be allocated through NHS England's long-term plan.

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Notice: DY3 4DA, Himley Environmental Limited: environmental permit issued

The Environment Agency publish permits that they issue under the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED).

This decision includes the permit and decision document for:

- Operator name: Himley Environmental Limited
- Installation name: Oak Farm Quarry North East Landfill
- Permit number: EPR/DB3909MM/V002

Transparency data: Radioactive Waste Management (RWM) – our publication scheme

Our [publication scheme's](#) purpose is to make Radioactive Waste Management's information available to the public as part of our normal business activities, in a transparent way. The information covered is:

- Who we are and what we do
- What we spend and how we spend it
- What our priorities are and how we are doing
- How we make decisions
- Our policies and procedures
- Lists and registers
- The services we offer

How we do this is set out [here](#).

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We really want people to understand their flood risk and know what steps they can take to ensure they are prepared in the event of a flood, such as making sure they are signed up to receive free flood warnings and having a flood plan which is easy to follow.

Residents can find out if they live in an area at risk of flooding and sign up to receive free flood warnings by [visiting here](#)

For more information about the upcoming event contact Anna.Caygill@environment-agency.gov.uk

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