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Dear Andrew,

Thank you for your recent Written Questions asking me:

- to direct Public Health Wales to share its business plan for a targeted lung cancer screening programme with partners and interested stakeholders.
- what are the projected costs, per annum, for a phased roll-out of a targeted lung cancer screening programme across Wales.
- what are the projected costs, per annum, for running and maintaining a Wales-wide targeted lung cancer screening programme.
- what are the barriers to expanding the rollout of targeted lung cancer screening across Wales.

Public Health Wales NHS Trust is responsible for delivering a number of population-based national screening programmes across Wales, working closely with health boards. Business cases are not routinely shared, and this would be a matter for the Trust.

Further scoping work will be required to fully understand the requirements of a lung screening programme and the wider impact on health services before the costs for rolling out or maintaining a targeted lung screening programme in Wales can be estimated. Consideration must be given to the additional demand a screening programme will place on health services, particularly radiology and surgery. The optimal care pathway, including the management of incidental findings, is still being determined. These will be fundamental to rolling out a targeted lung screening programme across Wales.

Yours sincerely,

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