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Lung Cancer Screening

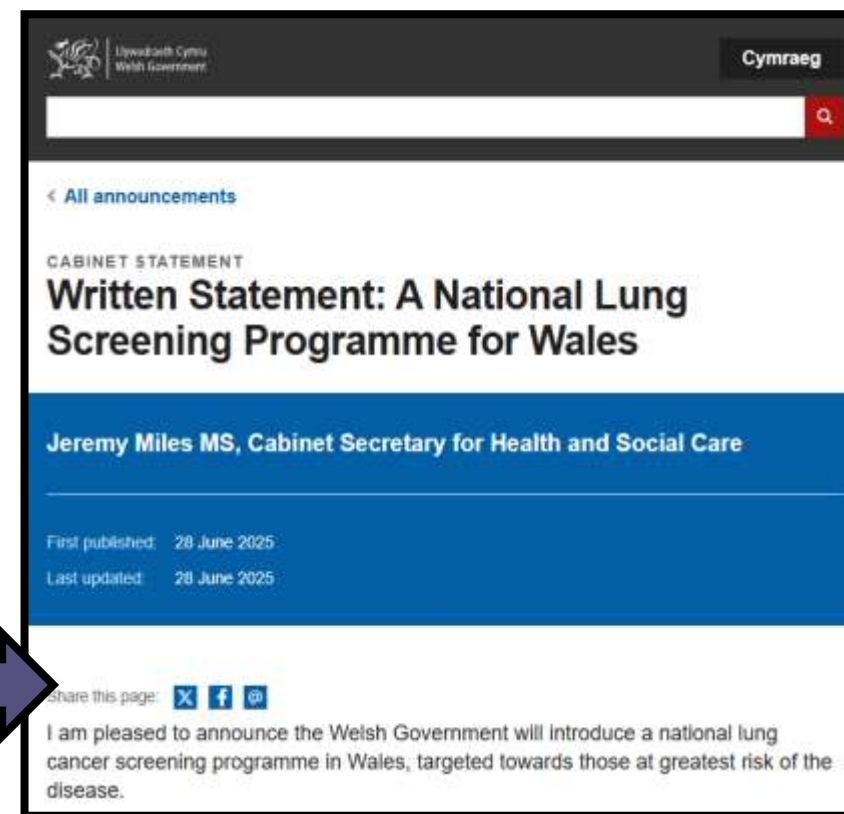
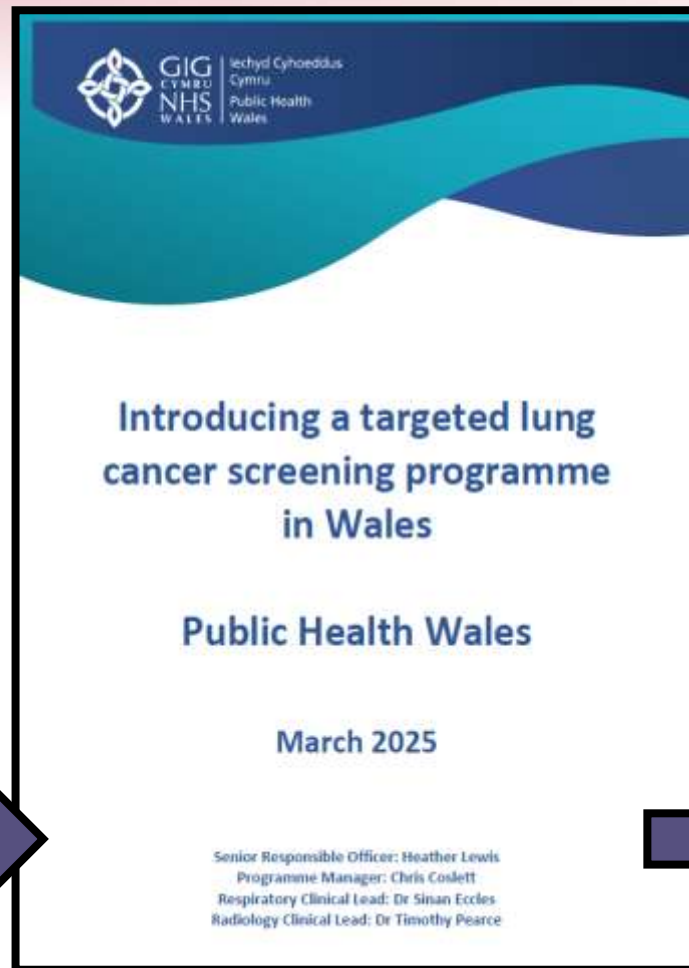
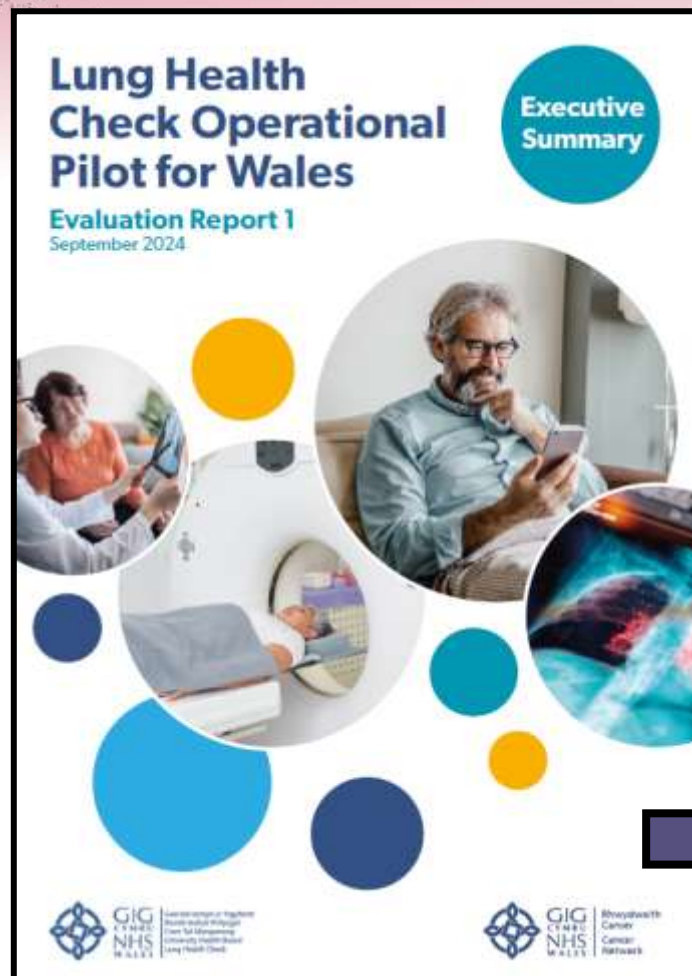
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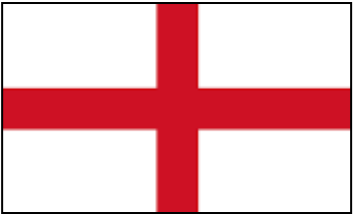


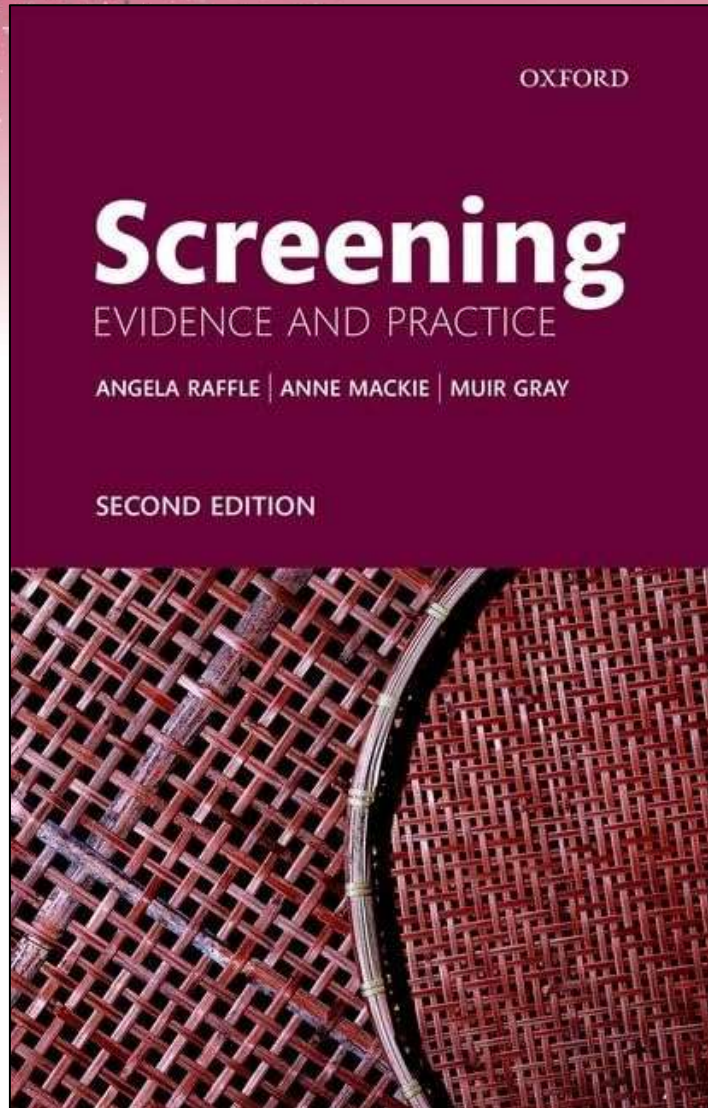
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	Scoping	Pilot(s)	National		Roll-out	
			Planning	Preparation		
		2011-		2019	2019	2030?
	2019-20	2023-25	2024-25	2025-27	2027?	2033?
		2013-	2024-	2025-	2027?	?
						



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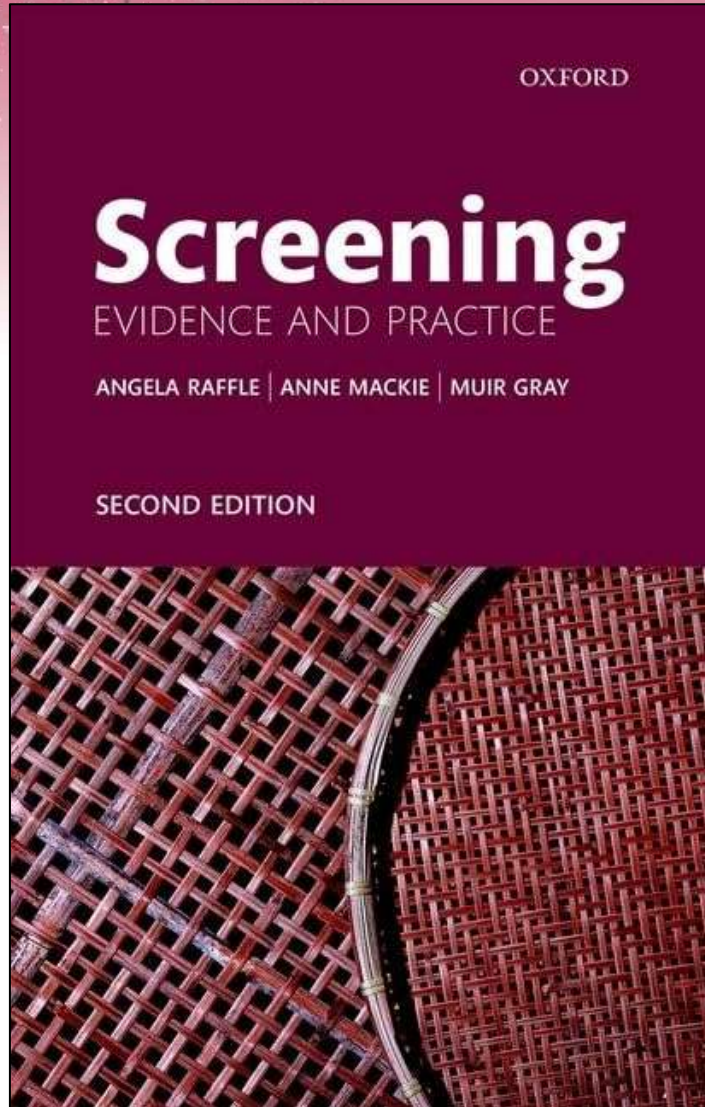


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Chapter 5: Implementing screening programmes

All you have to do to create an effective service is:

- Choose the right things to do
- then
- Do them well



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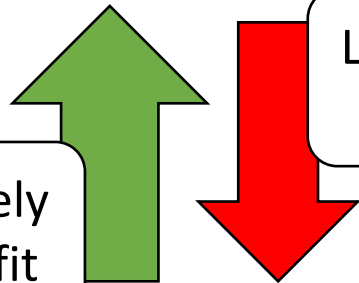
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People who live in
deprived areas are
2.75x
more likely
to develop **lung cancer**



Least likely to
participate

Most likely
to benefit



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Nottingham

LSUT

Liverpool

SUMMIT

TLHC prog.

**NORTH WALES CANCER
PATIENT FORUM**



All-Wales
Cancer Community
Cymuned Ganser
Cymru Gyfan

tenovus cancer care
gofal canser



Ymchwil Iechyd
a Gofal Cymru
Health and Care
Research Wales

**INVOLVING
PEOPLE NETWORK**

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Easy Read

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SERVICE DESIGN

Pre-invitation engagement

Opt-out timed telephone appointment

Public transport links

Stepped information

Non-judgemental on smoking

Free parking

Positive framing

Familiar location

Saturday scanning option

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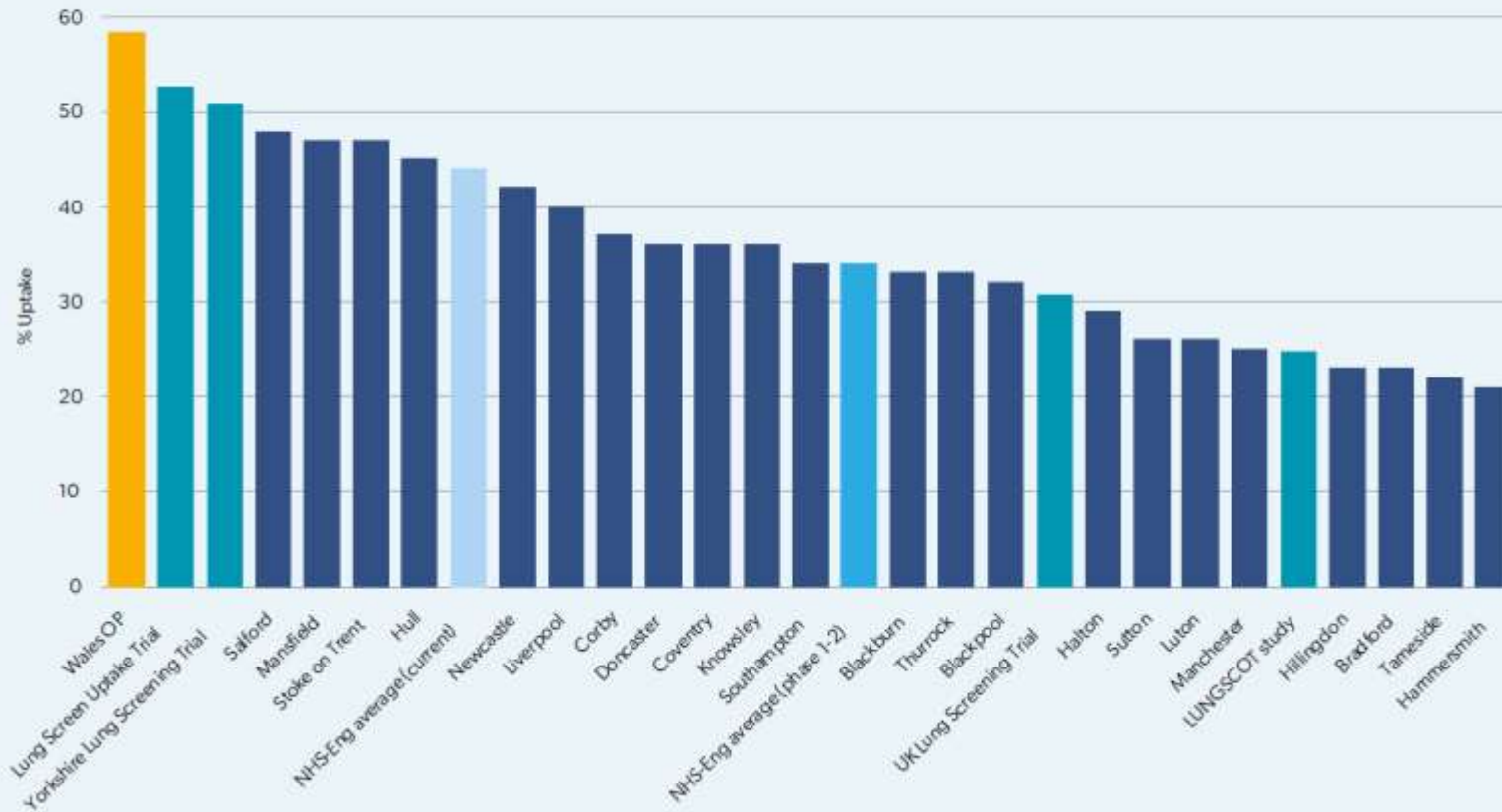
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Doing them well

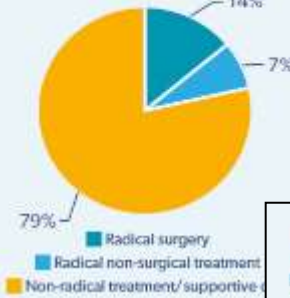


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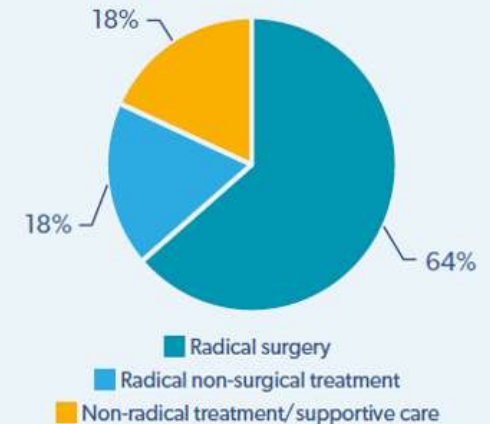
Uptake of Pilot compared to other UK Lung Health Check activities



Treatment intent/primary treatment modality of non-small cell lung cancers diagnosed through usual care in Wales



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Welsh Government

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CABINET STATEMENT

Written Statement: A National Lung Screening Programme for Wales

Jeremy Miles MS, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care

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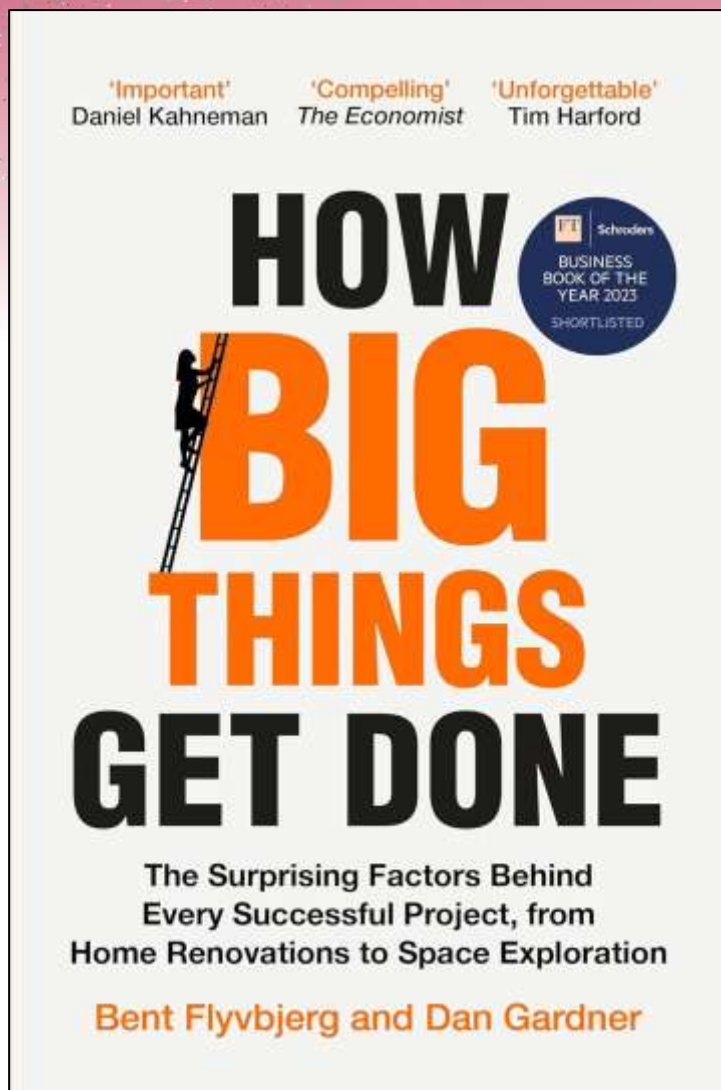
I am pleased to announce the Welsh Government will introduce a national lung cancer screening programme in Wales, targeted towards those at greatest risk of the disease.



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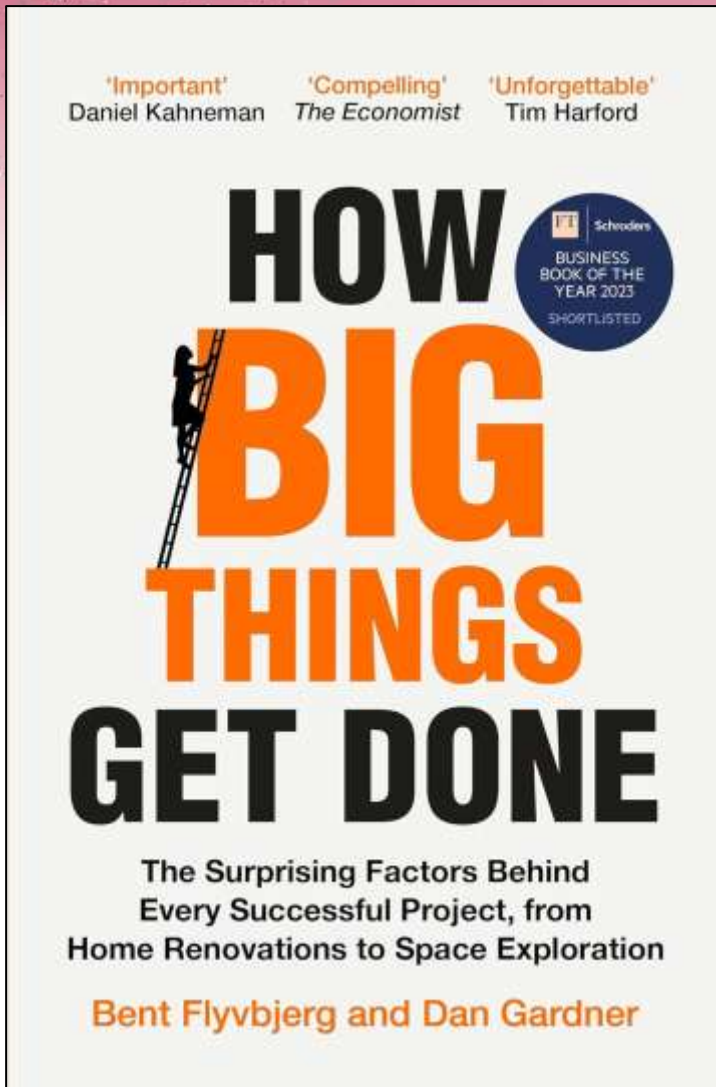
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Pioneers take the arrows

Settlers take the land

Learn from the experience of others

Be a fast follower, learn from the first mover



What might the arrows be?



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- **IT**

- Different systems in use in England
- Difficulties with individual level data
- Manual monitoring of performance

Single all-Wales system to underpin programme

- **Primary care**

- Identification of target population
- Common incidental findings
- Endorsement of programme

Up-front early engagement with GPC Wales and Welsh Government

- **Smoking cessation integration**

- Challenging to guarantee desired level and timeliness of service, or measure impact

Planned, funded, integrated evidence-based provision

Next steps in Wales



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Public Health Wales leading preparation

- With wide stakeholder involvement

Many challenges and much complexity to work through

- Procurement
- Workforce
- IT
- Information governance
- All-Wales equity

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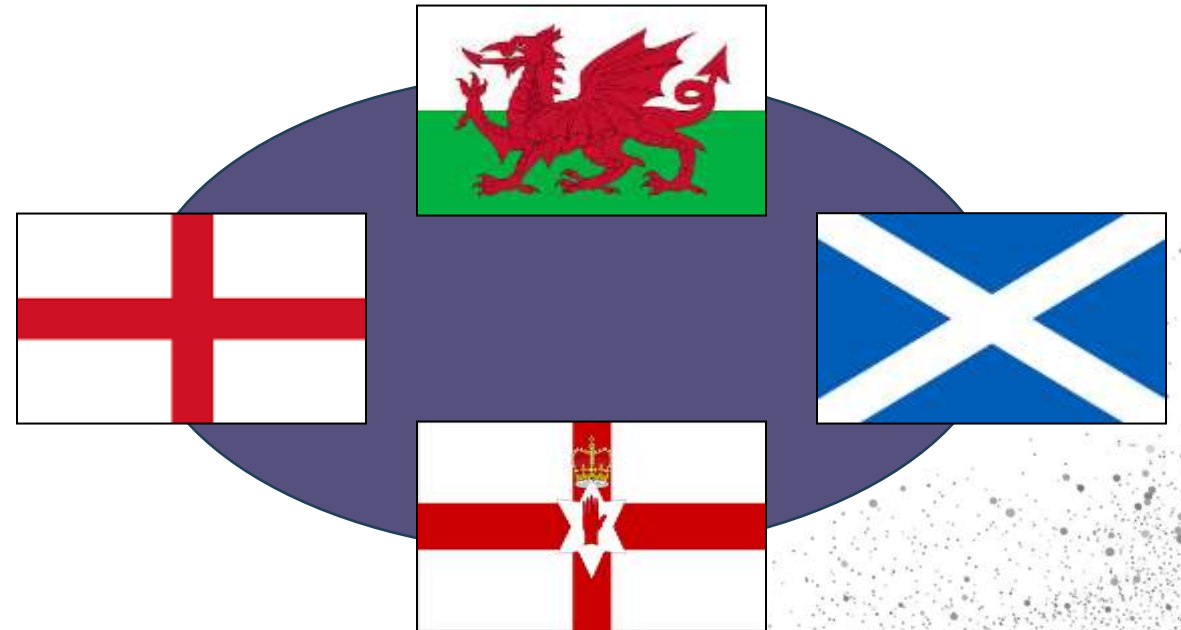
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How can we help each other fully implement screening across the whole of the UK?

- Share what works
- Share what doesn't
- Iterative improvement
- Align where we can
- Deviate when it's right
- Support each other



Summary



- **Lung cancer screening is still in its infancy**
 - Huge opportunities for shared learning
 - Much potential for co-operation and collaboration across the nations
 - Iterative improvements already being seen
- **Steady progress being made in Wales**
 - Operational pilot and national planning work undertaken
 - Commitment from Welsh Government to implement
 - Preparatory work underway

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