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# NEWSLETTER APRIL 2005

## **ANNOUNCEMENT** **HELPLINE**

THE BRITISH LUNG FOUNDATION HELPLINE IS OPEN. THE NUMBER IS

**08458 50 50 20,**

AND YOU CAN CALL FOR SUPPORT OR ADVICE ON A RANGE OF ISSUES WHICH CONCERN PEOPLE AFFECTED BY LUNG DISEASE. THE LINE IS STAFFED BY A RESPIRATORY NURSE ALONGSIDE SPECIALIST ADVISERS, AND IS OPEN MONDAY TO FRIDAY, 10AM- 6PM.

## **MANIFESTO MARCH 2005**

One person in seven in the UK is affected by lung disease. The British Foundation is the only UK charity working to help people with all 43-lung diseases. The British Lung Foundation provides information and support to patients and their families, funds world-class medical research to find solutions to lung disease and campaigns for improved treatments and services.

THE BRITISH LUNG FOUNDATION CALLS ON THE NEXT GOVERNMENT TO:

- (1) PROVIDE FIVE SPECIALIST RESPIRATORY PAEDIATRICIANS IN EVERY SPECIALIST CENTER IN THE UK.
- (2) ENSURE PULMONARY REHABILITATION IS AVAILABLE TO ALL LUNG DISEASE PATIENTS WHO COULD BENEFIT FROM IT.
- (3) PROVIDE AMBLULATORY OXYGEN TO ALL LUNG DISEASE PATIENTS ON LONG-TERM OXYGEN THERAPY.
- (4) PREPARE AND IMPLEMENT A TREATMENT AND STRATEGY FOR MESOTHELIOMA.
- (5) PROVIDE PALLIATIVE CARE TO PATIENTS WITH END-STAGE CHRONIC LUNG DISEASE.
- (6) INCREASE THE NUMBER OF PET SCANNERS IN THE NHS TO ENSURE THAT ALL PATIENTS HAVE QUICK AND EQUAL ACCESS TO IMAGING FACILITIES.
- (7) INTRODUCE ROUTINE LUNG FUNCTION TESTS AT GP CONSULTATIONS FOR ALL PATIENTS WITH A SMOKING HISTORY.
- (8) BAN SMOKING IN ALL ENCLOSED PUBLIC PLACES AND WORK PLACES.

SORRY IF OUR RECORDS ARE NOT UP TO DATE. IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO RECEIVE OUR NEWSLETTER PLEASE LET JASMINE KNOW (01889 585056) THE PRIMARY AIM OF THE CLUB IS TO OFFER SUPPORT TO LOCAL PEOPLE AFFECTED BY A LUNG CONDITION. WE MEET THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH 7-9 PM IN THE DAVEY UNIT OF CANNOCK COMMUNITY HOPITAL. HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE NEXT MEETING.