

Mark backs campaign to fight biggest cancer killer

Mark Lancaster has backed calls to save lives from England's biggest cancer killer by tackling variations in lung cancer services in England.

Your chance of surviving lung cancer depends on where you live in the country, Mr Lancaster learnt when a new report from The Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation was launched in the Houses of Parliament on Tuesday.

The 'Explaining Variations in Lung Cancer in England' report shines a spotlight on the postcode lottery that exists in lung cancer.

It reveals there are significant differences in how lung cancer patients are treated in different parts of the country.

Mr Lancaster said: "I was shocked to learn that someone dies from lung cancer every 15 minutes in the UK. I commend The Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation's new report which shows that we need to urgently tackle the unacceptable postcode lottery in lung cancer. Everyone deserves to have good quality care, no matter where they live.

"We need to do more to make sure that people with lung cancer are diagnosed early, when the chances of curative treatment are at their best. I'd encourage everyone to be aware of the signs and symptoms and to go to their doctor if they are concerned. There's nothing to lose by getting checked out – and everything to gain."