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Press statement

Smoking Vote, House of Commons, 14th February 2006

"The UKLCC is delighted and congratulates all MPs who voted for a complete ban on smoking in public places. This is a big win for public health - stopping smoking is best way to prevent lung cancer.

This success doesn't mean we can take our eye off the ball with regard to tackling lung cancer. Despite restrictions on smoking, many thousands of people will still be diagnosed with this major killer.

We call on all politicians to show the same commitment to improving outcomes for lung cancer patients as they have to restricting smoking in public places."

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Note to editors:-

The UK Lung Cancer Coalition (UKLCC) is a powerful new coalition of the UK's leading lung cancer experts, senior NHS and Department of Health professionals, charities and healthcare companies. It is the UK's largest multi-interest group in lung cancer and is committed to doubling one year and five year lung cancer survival. This is the first time that all the major charities with an interest in lung cancer have come together.

Chair and co-chairs of the UKLCC include:-

- Dr Mick Peake (Chair) - Consultant Physician, University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust, NHS National Clinical Lead for Lung Cancer
- Professor Stephen Spiro (Co-chair) - Head of the Dept of Respiratory Medicine, University College Hospital
- Dr Jesme Baird (Co-chair) - Director of Patient Care, Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation
- Dr Joe Maguire (Co-chair) - Consultant Clinical Oncologist, Liverpool Lung Cancer Unit
- Dame Helena Shovelton (Co-chair) - Chief Executive, British Lung Foundation

Charity members include: Cancer Research UK, Macmillan Cancer Relief, Marie Curie Cancer Care, Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation, British Lung Foundation (Secretariat), CancerBACUP

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