

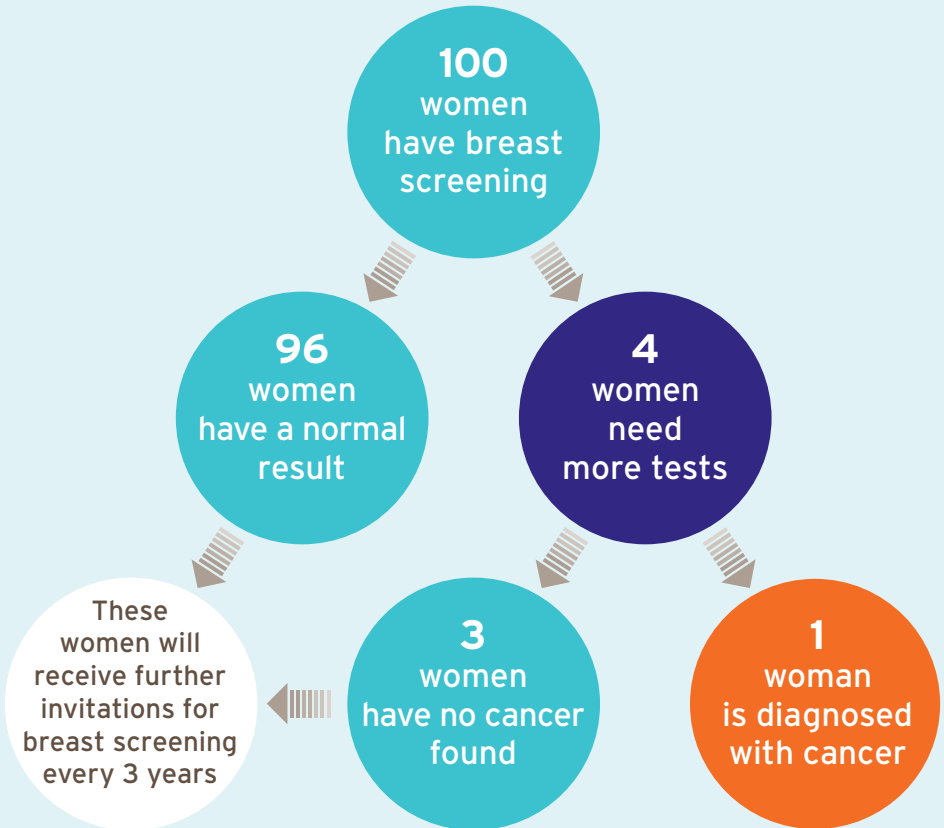
Breast screening

Why have I been called back?



Breast  *Screening*

What happens to 100 women **each time** they have breast screening?



What happens at a breast assessment clinic?

The reason you were invited to attend will be explained to you when you come to the clinic. You will also be asked about any breast problems and given a chance to ask questions.

If you are taking anticoagulant (blood thinner) medicine, please bring a list of your medications to the assessment clinic. If you are taking Warfarin please bring your most recent INR result (you may have a Warfarin Anticoagulant Record/Booklet).

A number of tests may be carried out but you may not need all of them. The tests include:

- an examination of your breasts by a doctor;
- more mammograms (breast X-rays) showing different views of your breast. X-rays can very rarely cause cancer – having mammograms every 3 years for 20 years very slightly increases the chance of getting cancer over a woman's lifetime;
- ultrasound – a painless scan which shows a picture of the tissues within the breast;
- a biopsy – a small sample of breast tissue may be taken with a needle to be checked under a microscope. This is carried out under local anaesthetic which numbs the area;
- fine needle test – a few cells may be removed from your breast with a very fine needle and examined under a microscope. This test is similar to having blood taken.

How long will the visit take?

Please be prepared to spend at least 2 hours at the clinic; although this is not always necessary.

When do I get my results?

This depends on the tests that you need. While we try to provide the test results to you within a week, occasionally fine needle test/biopsy results may take up to two weeks to come back.

What if I am told I have breast cancer?

You will be cared for by a specialist breast cancer team. They will talk to you about your diagnosis and your treatment options.

Who can I talk to if I have any further questions?

Please contact the breast care nurse if you have further questions or concerns. Her contact details are in your letter.

What if I have to change my appointment?

Please phone your local screening centre to make a new appointment.

Screening centres

Belfast Health and Social Care Trust

(also covering South Eastern HSC Trust)

The Screening Centre
12-22 Linenhall Street,
Belfast BT2 8BS

Tel: 028 9033 3700

Email:
breastscreeninglhst@
belfasttrust.hscni.net

Northern Health and Social Care Trust

Northern Area Breast
Screening and
Assessment Unit
Level A, Antrim Area
Hospital

45 Bush Road, Antrim
BT41 2RL

Tel: 028 9442 4425

Email: breast.screening@
northerntrust.hscni.net

Southern Health and Social Care Trust

The Breast Screening Unit
Firbank House

Craigavon Area Hospital
Lurgan Road, Portadown
BT63 5QQ

Tel: 028 3756 0820

Email: breast.screening@
southerntrust.hscni.net

Western Health and Social Care Trust

The Breast Screening Unit
Ground Floor, The Nurses'
Home

Altnagelvin Area Hospital
Glenshane Road,
Londonderry BT47 6SB

Tel: 028 7161 1443

Email: altnagelvin.
breastscreening@
westerntrust.hscni.net



Public Health Agency

12–22 Linenhall Street, Belfast BT2 8BS.

Tel: 0300 555 0114 (local rate). www.publichealth.hscni.net

<http://pha.site/breastscreening-info>

www.nidirect.gov.uk/breast-screening

www.becancerawareni.info/breast-cancer

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