

Cancer screening

Helping detect cancer early. Cancer screening can help detect certain cancers, or changes that may lead to cancer, before symptoms develop. Finding cancer early can improve treatment options and health outcomes.

Cancer screening programmes in Northern Ireland

In Northern Ireland, the Public Health Agency supports three population cancer screening programmes. Screening is offered to people who are eligible and do not have symptoms. Taking part in screening is your choice, and you will receive information to help you make an informed decision.

- [Breast screening](#)
- [Bowel cancer screening](#)
- [Cervical screening](#)

Which cancer screening programme am I eligible for?

Screening programme Who is eligible?

	Women aged 50-70
Breast screening	Every 3 years
	Mammogram
	Men and women aged 60-74
Bowel screening	Every 2 years
	Home screening kit

	Women and people with cervix
	Women aged 25-49 every 3 years
Cervical screening	Women aged 50-64 every 5 years
	HPV screening test

Key cancer screening resources

- [Don't ignore your cancer screening invite | HSC Public Health Agency](#)
- [Bowel cancer screening: the facts \(English and translations\) | HSC Public Health Agency](#)
- [Bowel cancer screening: the next step \(English and translations\) | HSC Public Health Agency](#)
- [Bowel screening test kit instructions | HSC Public Health Agency](#)
- [Breast screening: an easy guide about a health test for women aged 50 and over | HSC Public Health Agency](#)
- [Breast screening: satisfactory test results - what now? | HSC Public Health Agency](#)
- [Breast screening: why have I been called back? \(English and translations\) | HSC Public Health Agency](#)
- [Breast screening and breast implants | HSC Public Health Agency](#)
- [Cervical screening: what you should know | HSC Public Health Agency](#)
- [Screening information for transgender, non-binary and gender fluid service users | HSC Public Health Agency](#)

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