

# Breast screening

Satisfactory test results  
- what now?



Breast Screening

**Thank you for attending the  
breast assessment clinic.**

This leaflet is designed to answer some  
questions you may have.

## **Why was I asked to attend for assessment?**

About 4 in every 100 women are asked to come back for more tests after screening. Something was noticed on your mammogram (breast X-ray) which required further investigation. The doctor you saw at the assessment clinic will have explained why you were asked to attend.

## **What was the outcome of my assessment?**

All the tests that have been carried out are satisfactory.

## **What happens next?**

You will continue to receive an invitation for breast screening every 3 years up to the age of 70. Once you are over 70 you will not automatically be invited for breast screening. However, you could still develop breast cancer as the risk continues to increase with age – about a third of all breast cancers occur in women over the age of 70. You are therefore encouraged to make your own appointment for screening every 3 years by contacting your local screening centre (see details later).

## What should I do between now and my next appointment?

It is important to check your breasts regularly so that you are aware of any change that may occur. Please read the leaflet *Breast awareness: looking out for changes*. It is important to remember that you can develop breast cancer at any time. This includes the time in between breast screening appointments. You can find it at [www.publichealth.hscni.net/publications/breast-awareness-looking-out-changes](http://www.publichealth.hscni.net/publications/breast-awareness-looking-out-changes)



## What can I do if I notice any change in my breasts?

Please see your GP without delay. He or she may wish to refer you to a breast clinic. If you have any further questions, please contact your breast care nurse at the screening centre that you attended.

Belfast Health and Social Care Trust  
028 9504 0900

Northern Health and Social Care Trust  
028 9442 4874

Southern Health and Social Care Trust  
028 3861 2086

Western Health and Social Care Trust  
028 7161 1187

## 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

### **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

### **Southern Health and Social Care Trust**

The Breast Screening Unit  
Flat F, The Maples  
Craigavon Area Hospital  
Lurgan Road, Portadown BT63 5QQ  
Tel: 028 3839 7020

### **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



**Public Health Agency**

12–22 Linenhall Street, Belfast BT2 8BS.

Tel: 0300 555 0114 (local rate).

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