

## Screening centres

**Belfast Health and Social Care Trust**  
(also covering South Eastern HSC Trust)

The Screening Centre  
12-22 Linenhall Street,  
Belfast BT2 8BS  
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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://www.publichealth.hscni.net)  
<http://pha.site/breastscreening-info>  
[www.nidirect.gov.uk/breast-screening](http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/breast-screening)  
[www.becancerawareni.info/breast-cancer](http://www.becancerawareni.info/breast-cancer)



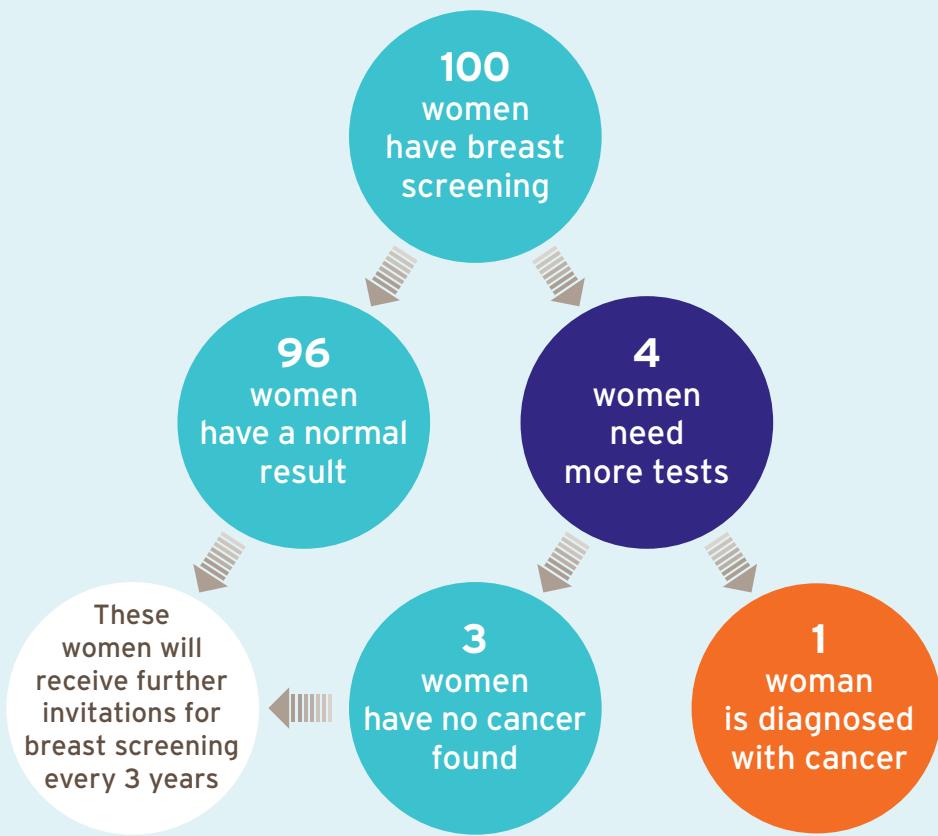
# Breast screening

## 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.