

Useful websites

NHS Breast Screening Programme (NHSBSP)
www.cancerscreening.nhs.uk/breastscreen

Breakthrough Breast Cancer
www.breakthrough.org.uk

Breast Cancer Campaign
www.breastcancercampaign.org

Breast Cancer Care
www.breastcancercare.org.uk

Cancer Research UK
www.cancerresearchuk.org

Macmillan Cancer Support
www.macmillan.org.uk

Marie Curie Cancer Care
www.mariecurie.org.uk

NHS Choices
www.nhs.uk

Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust
www.wwl.nhs.uk

Comments, Compliments or Complaints

The Patient Relations/Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) Department provides confidential on the spot advice, information and support to patients, relatives, friends and carers.

Contact Us

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Ask 3 Questions

Become more involved in decisions about your healthcare. You may be asked to make choices about your treatment. To begin with, try to make sure you get the answers to three key questions:



1. What are my options?
2. What are the pros and cons of each option for me?
3. How do I get support to help me make a decision that is right for me?

This leaflet is also available in audio, large print, Braille and other languages upon request. For more information please ask in department/ward.

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Breast Screening Results

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Introduction

Thank you for attending for breast screening. Please read the following carefully, this will explain what happens next.

You will receive a letter to your home, normally within two to three weeks of your visit.

If your mammograms are normal, then no further action is necessary and you will be invited again for screening every 3 years until you have reached your 71st birthday.

What if I need to be recalled?

It may however be necessary to call you back for further x-rays. This may be because the first x-rays were unclear or because you may need a more thorough check.

Don't worry if this is the case. Remember, most women who are recalled have nothing to worry about.

If you do need to be recalled you will be invited to attend the Breast Screening Unit at the Thomas Linacre centre, Wigan where further images will be taken and you will see a doctor.

I have reached the age of 71, what now?

Once you have reached the age of 71 you will no longer be automatically invited for screening, but you can have screening every three years by telephoning the Breast Screening Unit on 01942 774712 / 774713 / 774753 to make an appointment to attend for screening at either the Thomas Linacre Centre or the Mobile Unit when it visits your area.

What should I do if anything changes?

If you notice any changes in your breasts, at any time between the three yearly period, do not hesitate to see your doctor immediately.

A very small number of breast cancers do not show up on the initial screening or they may develop during the three year period, therefore the changes to look out for are:

- Any lump or thickening in the breast
- Any puckering or dimpling of the skin
- A change in the outline or shape of the breast
- Any nipple discharge or scaling of the nipple
- A nipple turning in on itself (inverted) compared with the way it used to be.

All of these changes can have quite simple causes, but all need investigating.

If you have any queries please feel free to contact us:

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Telephone one of the three numbers below:

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01942 774713

01942 774753

Email: BSUappointments@wvl.nhs.uk