

You have been invited to attend a breast assessment clinic.

About 1 in every 20 women need to return for further tests after a mammogram (breast x-ray). This does not necessarily mean that there is anything wrong – 4 out of 5 women recalled are given normal results following these tests.

What happens at a breast assessment clinic?

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

A number of tests may then be carried out but you may not require all of these. The tests include:

- an examination of your breasts by a doctor;
- mammograms (breast x-rays) showing different views of your breast;
- ultrasound – a painless scan which shows a picture of the tissues within the breast;
- cytology – 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;
- a biopsy – a small area of breast tissue may be removed and examined under the microscope. This is carried out under local anaesthetic which numbs the area.

How long will the visit take?

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

Can I bring someone with me?

Yes, you may find it helpful to bring someone such as a partner, a relative or a friend along with you.

When do I get my results?

Normally, depending on the tests, you will either be told your results before you leave or be asked to return within a week for the results.

If you require further treatment, the options will be fully explained to you.

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

Your local breast care nurse (see contact details in the letter) would be happy to answer any questions.

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

Lurgan Hospital

Sloan Street, Lurgan BT66 8NX

Tel: 028 3834 7083

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

For further information on breast
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or contact your local
screening centre.



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Why have I been called back?