Breast screening Satisfactory test results - what now?



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



pha.site/looking-for-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.

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Northern Health and Social Care Trust 028 9442 4874

Southern Health and Social Care Trust 028 3756 2148

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 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

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