
Breast Screening Doncaster & Bassetlaw

Mammography is an X-ray of the breast. It can detect most breast cancers at an early stage, before symptoms develop

Anyone registered with a GP as female will be invited for NHS breast screening every 3 years between the ages of 50 and 71. You'll get a letter in the post inviting you.

You'll automatically get your first invite for breast screening between the ages of 50 and 53. Then you'll be invited every 3 years until you turn 71.

If you're a trans man, trans woman or are non-binary you may be invited automatically, or you may need to talk to your GP surgery or call the local breast screening service to ask for an appointment.

Talk to your GP or gender identity clinic for more information.

If you live in the Doncaster area you will be invited to the Cameo Centre at Chequer Road Clinic and if you live in Bassetlaw you will be offered an appointment at the Diana, Princess of Wales Unit at Bassetlaw Hospital.

If you have missed your appointment recently or have never attended screening but are between 50 and 70 years of age please contact the relevant screening department below without delay

Contact Numbers:

Cavendish Court, South Parade, Doncaster DN1 2DJ
01302 644966

Bassetlaw Princess Diana Mammography Unit
01909 572193

If you have any worrying breast symptoms, please speak to our receptionists

What happens during breast screening?

Your appointment will be at a breast screening unit

- First, you'll be asked to complete a questionnaire. It will ask about any ongoing medical conditions, if you're having hormone replacement therapy (HRT), and if you've had any breast problems.
- Your mammogram will be carried out by a woman
- A female mammography practitioner (an expert in taking breast x-rays) will explain what will happen and answer any questions you have. Let her know if you're pregnant or think you may be pregnant.
- You'll be asked to remove your clothing from the waist up
- You'll stand in front of the mammogram machine.
- Your breasts will be placed one at a time on the x-ray machine. The breast will be pressed down firmly on the surface by a clear plate.
- At least two pictures (x-rays) of each breast will be taken, one from top to bottom and then a second from side to side to include the part of your breast that extends into your armpit. You'll need to stay in position while the pictures are taken - Taking the pictures only takes a few seconds.

Getting your results

The results of your screening mammogram are sent by post to you and your GP.

Most women will receive a letter telling them their mammogram showed no signs of cancer. They'll be invited for screening again in three years.

Some women will get a letter asking them to come back for further assessment. This is because more tests are needed to assess a change seen on the mammogram. Being recalled doesn't necessarily mean you have breast cancer, just that more tests are needed.

Occasionally some women receive a letter asking them to go back for another mammogram because a technical issue meant the image was unclear.
