If you have any queries or worries, please do not hesitate to contact us on 01493 452885

Breast Care Nurses are specially trained to provide help and support to patients with breast problems.

If you have any questions related to your recall appointment you can contact us on

01493 452447

We are available Monday to Friday 9am to 4.30pm

Alternatively you could ask to speak to one of us when you attend for your appointment.

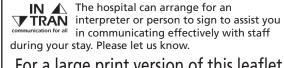
Please inform the receptionist when you arrive.



Feedback

We want your visit to be as comfortable as possible. Please talk to the person in charge if you have any concerns. If the ward/ department staff are unable to resolve your concern, please ask for our Patient Advice and Liaison (PALS) information. Please be assured that raising a concern will not impact on your care. Before you leave the hospital you will be asked to complete a Friends and Family Test feedback card. Providing your feedback is vital in helping to transform NHS services and to support patient choice.





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Breast Imaging



Information for patients

Why have I been asked to come back?

This is the second part of the screening process mentioned in your original invitation letter.

In some cases, further tests are necessary to discover if there is a problem with your breasts.

Most women who need to come back are found not to have any problems.

When you arrive for your appointment, the radiographer will explain which of the further tests the doctor feels are most appropriate in your case.

You may not need all of them.

You are welcome to bring a friend, partner or other relative with you.

What are the tests?

- Mammograms
 It may be necessary to take further films to give the doctor more information.
- Ultrasound
 A simple painless procedure using sound waves passed through a gel to give a picture of your breast.
- Cyst Drainage
 A needle is inserted into the cyst and fluid is drained out.

Needle Biopsies

- 14G Core Biopsy
 This is taken through a hole in the skin. A local anaesthetic is given first. It takes about 10 minutes. Your activity may be restricted for a day.
- Vacuum Biopsy
 A larger biopsy which is
 taken through the skin. Local
 anaesthetic is used. It takes
 about 30 minutes. Your activity
 may be restricted for a couple
 of days.

Your results

It is usual for all the necessary tests to be completed at your clinic visit, and you will receive most of the results at that time.

Needle biopsies need to be processed and examined by pathologists. If you have a biopsy you will be given an appointment to return for the result.