

BREAST SCREENING ASSESSMENT CLINIC PATIENT INFORMATION SHEET

Why do I need to come to the clinic?

Your recent mammogram has shown an area of change that we would like to look at in more detail. As we need to do further tests be prepared to spend up to 3 hours in the clinic.

Who can I bring?

Please feel free to bring someone with you if you wish, partners are welcome.

Where is the clinic?

The Breast Imaging Department is situated at the Norfolk & Norwich University NHS Foundation Trust, Out Patients West, Level 3. The closest car park is C & D. Please note there is a charge for car parking.

Who will I see?

- The Receptionist will check your details on arrival.
- The Radiographer (the person who takes X-rays of your breast known as a Mammogram) will explain why you have been asked to attend and what other tests may be required.
- The Radiologist (Doctor in charge of the clinic) will see you during your visit.
- The Radiology Department Assistant will support you and the Radiologist during further tests.
- The Breast Care Nurse will definitely see you after a biopsy if you need one (not every patient does). However, she will also be available during the clinic if you wish to see her.

What are the tests? (you may not need all of them)

- Mammogram (breast X-ray)
You may need some further breasts X-rays to give the Radiologist more information.
- Ultrasound
This is a painless procedure that shows us a picture of your breast using sound waves.
- Biopsy (needle test). Please see separate leaflet. **Not all women will have this test.**
A sample of tissue is taken from the breast and sent to be looked at under a microscope.

While we aim to perform any biopsy that may be required on the day of your assessment, this may not always be possible.

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Results

Most women will have a normal assessment and receive a further invitation to screening in 3 years' time.

Women who have a biopsy will be seen or phoned by a Breast Care Nurse usually a week later for their results. 4 out of 5 women's results will be fine. (www.cancerresearchuk.org.uk).

Questions?

We hope this information is helpful but if you have any questions before your visit please do not hesitate to phone us on: (01603) 286727, or to speak to a Breast Care Nurse contactable Monday to Friday on telephone number 01603 286728.

