

Guidance to keep you safe when attending your breast screening appointment

Coronavirus (COVID-19) has had a major impact on the NHS, including breast screening. As a result, you may have waited longer than normal for your appointment and we would like to apologise for this. We recommend that you now attend your next scheduled appointment and want to assure you that we will have a range of measures in place to help protect you from coronavirus.

Please **DO NOT** attend an appointment if you or any member of your household are suffering from any of the symptoms associated with COVID-19 or are self isolating (new continuous cough or high temperature, loss of smell and taste). If this applies to you, please contact us so that you can reschedule your appointment for a different time.

If you are at high risk and are shielding please consider contacting your GP to discuss the benefits of screening against the potential risk to yourself.

Wearing a face covering

Following latest guidance, you will be required to wear a Hospital face mask which will be provided at the Hospital entrance. Please use the Hand sanitiser available.

When attending for your appointment

We have a range of measures to minimise the risk of COVID-19:

- social distancing measures will be in place
- there will be additional infection control procedures and clinical staff will be wearing personal protective equipment such as gloves, face mask and eye protection
- please attend at your given appointment time and to wait outside the Breast Unit or in your car if you arrive too early
- if possible come alone, if you cannot access the Breast Unit without help, a partner or carer may accompany you for your appointment

Due to COVID-19 response, our service will have reduced number of appointments available. If you choose not to attend your appointment, please contact us. It is helpful for us to know why so we can help with any concerns you might have. If you still do not wish to attend, we can offer it to someone else.

Contact details

Breast Unit appointment contact number 01623 676008