

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.



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#### 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.

**TRUST VALUES: We CARE for...**  
*our patients... each other... ourselves*

**BEHAVIOURS:**  
**Courtesy and respect**  
**Attentively kind and helpful**  
**Responsive communication**  
**Effective and professional**



**IN TRAN** communication for all  
The hospital can arrange for an interpreter or person to sign to assist you in communicating effectively with staff during your stay. Please let us know.  
**For a large print version of this leaflet,  
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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.