

## Information about your Breast Cancer Screening

### Breast Cancer Screening Explained:

Cancer screening programmes are aimed at people who do not have symptoms of cancer. They can detect cancers at an early stage often before the woman is aware of any problem and in some cases even prevent them from developing in the first place.

Early detection may also mean simpler and more successful treatment. Scientific evidence shows that regular breast screening, between the ages of 50 - 70 years, reduces the death rate from breast cancer. Currently, the NHS Breast screening programme saves an estimated 1,400 lives each year in England.

Your mammogram will be conducted by a female mammographer.

If you do have symptoms that you're concerned about, visit your GP. For example; a breast lump, unusual bleeding. Do not wait until you're called for screening.

To be invited for cancer screening you must be registered with a GP.

### Breast cancer Screening programme:

Breast screening in Stockport is managed by the East Cheshire and Stockport Breast Screening Service.

Anyone registered with a GP as a female will be invited for NHS breast screening every three years between the ages of 50 and 71. This means you may be approaching age 53 when you're first screened.

Screening is organised according to your GP practice. When your GP practice is inviting women for screening, you'll receive a letter inviting you to book an appointment.

You can book an appointment:

- via the [online booking form](#)
- by calling **01625 661157**

Once you reach your 71st birthday you will no longer receive letters inviting you to breast screening. You can still be screened every 3 years, but you'll need to make your own appointment.

You can find out more about breast screening and find frequently asked questions on the [East Cheshire and Stockport Breast Screening Service website](#).

If you have not received a letter in the last 3 years or are unsure when you last had your screening, call the breast screening service [number above] to check your last screening date.

If you would like to feedback about your experience in making an appointment with the service, or about your experience during your last screening appointment, or even if you have concerns about screening, please get in touch with [Healthwatch Stockport](#) we are here to help.

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