

# Invitation for Breast Screening in 2020

## Helping you decide - Extra information

Breast screening was paused in March 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. You may have had your original screening appointment cancelled or postponed. This might mean that your current screening appointment is inviting you to attend a location you would not normally have been screened at. Where possible, we will endeavour to offer your next screening appointment at your closest Screening location.

**Please do not attend your appointment if you or any members of your household have any symptoms of Covid-19, or are self-isolating.**

**COVID-19 Overview and Advice** visit: <https://bit.ly/2Dod0Np>

### Infection Control Measures



- We have implemented infection control measures in accordance with National Guidance and PPE is used by the staff for every mammogram.
- **Please wear a face mask to attend your appointment.**
- If you wear disposable surgical gloves you will be asked to remove these and sanitise your hands before entering the unit.
- Equipment and furniture will be cleaned after each client and we have extended our appointment times.

### Social distancing is necessary to protect staff and patients



- We aim to have minimal people on the mobile unit at any one time.
- Please come for your appointment at the designated time and **not earlier or later.**
- Please wait outside in the labelled socially distanced spots to ensure the safety of yourself and others.
- Hand Sanitisers are available prior to entering the unit.
- Patients should remain in their vehicle until their appointment time where possible and be prepared for a potential wait outside in any inclement weather.

### Extra Time Appointments



- Please call the unit on **028 3756 0820** if you have **mobility issues, or have breast implants** which will require you to have a slightly longer appointment time.
- We will amend your appointment accordingly, to ensure social distancing for your safety.
- Appointments might be offered temporarily at a different location to that you normally would attend

## Vulnerable/shielding clients



- If you are in a vulnerable/at risk group requiring ongoing shielding you may have concerns about attending a medical site for appointments. This will be taken into account when we organise our clinic and appointment times.
- If you are concerned about attending for this mammogram appointment please contact the Breast Screening unit so we can offer you a future appointment or discuss your concerns.

## Carers



- Where possible **clients should attend their appointment alone**
- It may be possible to have a carer present in some circumstances.
- Further information is available by contacting the Breast Screening Unit.

# Southern Trust Breast Screening Unit

**Tel: 028 3756 0820**

**Email: [breast.screening@southerntrust.hscni.net](mailto:breast.screening@southerntrust.hscni.net)**

**Please let us know if you are planning to attend  
or  
if you can't attend**

You will be asked to quote **SX No** beginning with **CSO**.  
*This information is on the bottom left corner of your appointment letter  
or on any other correspondence relating to your appointment.*