

## Breast Screening



### Who can General Practices and patients contact?

#### London Breast Screening Hub

- **Contact Number:** 020 3758 2024
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#### Screening Invite

- Every 3 years, eligible women (aged 50 to 70), will receive a letter in the post from the [London Breast Screening Hub](#) including a date & time for their screening
- **Clients will receive their first invitation by their 53rd birthday**

#### Symptoms

- BS is not advisable for women with symptoms, such as lumps, pain, or discharge.
- **These cases should be referred by the GP to a symptomatic breast clinic.**
- See [Breast Referral Guidance for Primary Care](#)

#### Results

- The client & GP will receive a letter with the results within 3 weeks of the screening appointment.
- **GP to scan letter and save on patient's records**

#### Very High-risk Women

- Women with family history of breast and/or ovarian cancer or those that have a gene mutation **can be referred by the GP to a genetic specialist for assessment**
- Moderate risk patients should be sent to Breast Symptomatic services

#### Transgender and non-binary

- GPs can arrange mammograms at a local hospital for patients with no chest reconstruction, aged 50 to 70.
- **Patients registered as male with a GP are not routinely invited for BS, nor can their GP arrange a BS appointment on their behalf**
- See [NHS population screening: guidance for trans and non-binary people](#)

## Actions for GPs



#### Complete the patient information form **OR** run patient searches:

- To inform the Hub about clients who have had a bilateral mastectomy, died in the last 3 months or have learning or physical disabilities (for reasonable adjustments)

Further information is available in the **London Region Breast Screening General Practice Engagement Pack**.  
Please email [england.ypa@nhs.net](mailto:england.ypa@nhs.net)



#### Add electronic alerts on patient records for:

- Practice staff to remind clients to rebook missed Breast Screening appointments.



#### Send GP endorsed text messages:

- To non-responders
- Clients entering or due to exit the Breast Screening programme



#### Update GP systems:

- Upload Breast Screening results to patient's record
- Ensure trans women and men and non-binary people's genders are recorded correctly on the GP system.



#### Run targeted initiatives

- Support your local Breast Screening service to implement targeted initiatives to engage local communities with low uptake rates.