



Interval breast cancers

You have been diagnosed with an interval breast cancer. This leaflet explains what that is and outlines what you can expect next. If you have any questions, please speak to your breast screening specialist nurse.

What is an interval breast cancer?

An interval cancer is a breast cancer that is diagnosed between routine NHS screening mammograms.

This does not necessarily mean that the cancer was missed on the last screening mammogram. In most cases, the cancer is completely new.

In a small number of cases there may have been a feature on the previous mammogram which went on to develop into a cancer.



What does this mean for me?

It means that your previous screening mammograms will be reviewed by the Radiology Team to determine if the cancer is completely new or if there were signs on your last screening mammogram that have now developed into the cancer. This type of review of interval cancers is routinely undertaken by all breast screening centres in the UK.

You are entitled to know the outcome of the review and we would welcome the opportunity to discuss this with you in more detail, if you wish. To request an appointment to meet with the consultant radiologist and/or surgeon, contact the Breast Screening Specialist Nurses, Carolyn Denham or Amy Chambers.

Contact us

For any queries please contact: Carolyn Denham / Amy Chambers, Breast Screening Specialist Nurses, 0118 322 8563 Email: carolyn.denham@royalberkshire.nhs.uk or amy.chambers@royalberkshire.nhs.uk

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