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National Screening Service



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The National Breast Screening Programme

## Amendment May 2021 to Guidelines for QA in Mammography Screening Rev4.1

The QA committee have reviewed and updated text with immediate effect. The sections of text relate to two areas; namely Clinical Recall and Woman’s Charter invite or re-invite standards

### Amended text relating to Clinical Recall

#### 3.9.6 and 4.6.1.4

If the client declares a symptom or if during the mammography procedure the radiographer becomes aware of a concern, the radiographer will initiate the clinical symptom policy. The radiographer explains the importance of attending her GP if the client has a persistent symptom/concern and receives a normal mammogram result. This information is conveyed verbally and by letter at this BreastCheck attendance by the radiographer performing the mammogram. The radiographer will give the client a letter (BC-COM-075). This letter contains a clear recommendation to attend the GP in the event of a normal mammogram report and a persistent symptom or concern. The radiographer will inform the breast screening static unit that a letter has been provided to the client. The interaction with the client is recorded on the BreastCheck system as the radiographer will record in comments dialogue box. This process is in accordance with the present BreastCheck database system. This may be automated in the upcoming replacement Client Radiology Information System (CRIS).

### Amended text relating to Woman’s Charter invite or re-invite standards

**4.3.3** The long-term effectiveness of the programme is dependent on women in the target age group continuing to be screened at regular intervals. A minimum of 90 per cent of women should ideally be re-invited within 24 months of the previous invitation to screening. Within 27 months of the previous screen is acceptable.

#### 4.5 Table 1

Stage of process	Minimum standard	Achievable standard
Percentage of eligible women whose re-invite offered appointment is		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ideally within 24 months of the previous screen</li> <li>within 27 months of the previous screen is acceptable</li> </ul>	<p>≥90%</p> <p>≥90%</p>	<p>100%</p> <p>100%</p>
Percentage of eligible women whose first invite offered appointment is		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ideally within 24 months of the becoming known to the programme and being within the age range</li> <li>within 27 months of becoming known to the programme and being within the age range is acceptable</li> </ul>	<p>≥90%</p> <p>≥90%</p>	<p>100%</p> <p>100%</p>

**8.3.1.2** The percentage of eligible women whose first-offered appointment is ideally within 24 months of their previous screen. Within 27 months of the previous screen is acceptable.