



Breast Clinic Service



This guide will explain what happens when there is a change to your breasts



Your GP will complete a referral to the Breast Screening Unit if they find a lump in your breasts or notice any skin changes to your breasts



You will then receive an appointment to attend the Breast Screening Unit.



You will check in at reception



After checking in you will wait in the waiting area until you are called.



You will be asked to remove your top and bra



You will be given a gown to put on



You will be called to a clinical room by a nurse to see the doctor



A doctor will then do an examination to make sure the right tests have been ordered



You may need a mammogram which is a X-ray machine that can cause some pressure on your breast



You will need to stand still for this but the staff will help you to get into position for this



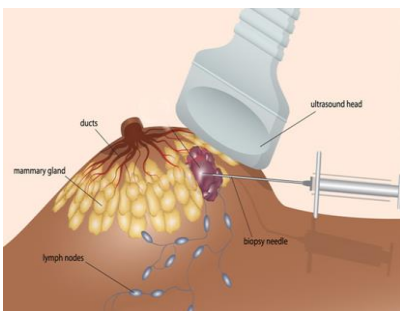
You may need an ultrasound of your breasts. This will look at your breasts a little differently



Sometimes the doctor will need a biopsy to do further tests



The staff will use a numbing liquid on your breasts so you won't feel any pain during this



A needle will then be used to collect a sample of tissue to do more tests on



Some results may be available on the day depending on the types of tests the doctor needs to do. You will speak to the first doctor you see again before you go home



If you are asked to wait, it would be good to bring something to pass the time



When your results are ready, the doctor will tell you what happens next



It is sometimes possible to have all female staff at these clinics but it is not always possible.