

Information about your Referral

South West London Breast Screening Service The Rose Centre

Thank you for attending the breast assessment clinic.

As we discussed you were recalled to the assessment clinic because of some concern about an area of tissue in the of your left / right breast.

The results of the biopsy

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We will inform your GP practice of this result and we will refer you to see a specialist breast surgeon. You do not need to see your GP for this referral to take place.

Your first outpatient appointment should be within two weeks. We would expect your surgery to be within four weeks of meeting the surgeon.

If you have any questions or concerns before your appointment, please contact the breast care nurse you met today by telephoning **020 8725 2726**.

The breast care nurse you met today was.....

You will be / have been referred to

What to expect at your first outpatient appointment

Your x-rays, scans and biopsy results will have been discussed in a multidisciplinary team meeting prior to your appointment, in order to discuss the most appropriate plan for you.

The needle biopsy result and proposed surgery will be discussed with you at your appointment.

You will get information about your admission date and your likely length of stay in hospital. The majority of women have day case surgery or only stay in hospital for one night.

You may be given advice about recovery time after the operation and when to return to work.

You may be sent for some routine tests, for example a blood test. You will also be seen in a pre-assessment clinic prior to your surgery.

Please feel free to bring a friend or relative with you if you wish.

If you have not received an appointment within one week, please contact the breast care nurse you met today on: 020 8725 2726.

The doctor/specialist practitioner who you met today was:

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The doctor/specialist practitioner who you met at the assessment appointment was:

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Other useful websites for information:

Breast Cancer Now: Tel: 0808 800 6000

www.breastcancernow.org

Macmillan Cancer Support: Tel: 0808 808 0000

www.macmillan.org.uk

Cancer Research UK: Tel: 0808 800 4040

www.cancerresearchuk.org

For more information leaflets on conditions, procedures, treatments and services offered at our hospitals, please visit www.stgeorges.nhs.uk

Additional services

Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS)

PALS can offer you on-the-spot advice and information when you have comments or concerns about our services or the care you have received. You can visit the PALS office between 9.30am and 4.30pm, Monday to Friday in the main corridor between Grosvenor and Lanesborough wings (near the lift foyer).

Tel: 020 8725 2453 **Email:** pals@stgeorges.nhs.uk

NHS Choices

NHS Choices provides online information and guidance on all aspects of health and healthcare, to help you make decisions about your health.

Web: www.nhs.uk

NHS 111

You can call 111 when you need medical help fast but it's not a 999 emergency. NHS 111 is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Calls are free from landlines and mobile phones.

Tel: 111

AccessAble

You can download accessibility guides for all of our services by searching 'St George's Hospital' on the AccessAble website (www.accessable.co.uk).

The guides are designed to ensure everyone – including those with accessibility needs – can access our hospital and community sites with confidence.



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