

# Rapid access breast clinic

## Breast Care Service Patient Information Leaflet

### Introduction

Your GP has referred you to the rapid access breast clinic. The purpose of this clinic is to make a quick diagnosis of your breast problem. This leaflet gives information on what will happen at your appointment and who you can contact if you have any queries.

### What happens at the clinic?

To obtain an accurate diagnosis, we will need information from several sources:

- The consultant or specialist breast care nurse will ask you to give information about your symptoms as this information is very important for your assessment.
- An examination of your breast.
- An X-ray, mammogram or ultrasound scan. These will be arranged for you, if appropriate.
- Finally, if necessary, a small amount of tissue may be taken from your breast (a biopsy) to help provide a diagnosis for you. If you need to have this, the clinic staff will explain the procedure in more detail.

**You may want to bring a friend or relative with you to your clinic appointment.**

## What happens about my biopsy results?

Biopsy results take up to two weeks to analyse so the results will not be available during the clinic. We will write to you or send you a follow up appointment when the results are available.

## Mammograms

Often a mammogram will be arranged for you before your clinic appointment takes place. If so, we will let you know about this in your appointment letter. Do not worry if this makes you late for your scheduled clinic appointment as the clinic staff know you are having it.

If you do not have a mammogram before your clinic appointment, please do not be concerned. This, or an ultrasound scan, can be organised for you at a later date if the consultant feels it is appropriate for your care.

**As you may need several different investigations, this can be time consuming. You may need to be at hospital for up to three hours. However, the investigations will give us the information we need to diagnose your condition. Thank you for your cooperation.**

## Can I give feedback?

We hope your experience of the rapid access breast clinic will be improved by this information. We are constantly trying to improve the service that we provide and would welcome any comments that you would like to make. You can leave your comments by filling in one of the feedback cards in clinic or by ringing the breast care nurses.

If you need any help regarding your appointment, please contact:  
Rapid Access Team on 01384 456111 ext. 4224 (8am to 4pm,  
Monday to Friday)

or

Specialist breast care nurses on 01384 244065 (9am to 4.30pm,  
Monday to Friday). This is an answerphone. You can leave a  
message and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Russells Hall Hospital switchboard number: 01384 456111

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