



To find out more about what happens at your breast screening appointment watch this short video

<https://vimeo.com/241078206>

If you require more information on Breast Screening then visit these useful links below.

<https://www.facebook.com/EastLancashireBreastScreeningService>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/breast-cancer-screening/>

<https://breastcancernow.org/information-support/facing-breast-cancer/what-expect-breast-clinic-appointment/breast-screening>

<https://www.macmillan.org.uk/cancer-information-and-support/diagnostic-tests/breast-screening>



**East Lancashire
Breast Screening Service**

Berry Lane Medical Centre

Breast Screening Campaign 2025



The breast Screening Mobile Unit will be coming to Longridge Hospital and eligible ladies will be invited to attend between 12.9.25 and 9.10.25. Look out for your invite letter and appointment details. If you cannot attend, please contact the Breast Screening Office to rearrange your appointment – 01282 805301 or email breastscreening.elht@nhs.net

This is a new mobile unit that has improved access for patients with mobility issues as it now includes a ramp. If you are a wheelchair user then please speak to staff at the Screening Office who are more than happy to advise or offer alternative arrangements.

On a 3 yearly rolling programme, ladies between the ages of 49 years and 8 months to 71 years will be invited for screening.

If you are 71 and over and you wish to be screened, then this can be arranged with the Breast Screening Office direct on the above number.

The person taking the x-ray (a Mammographer) will always be female and will do everything she can to make the experience as comfortable as possible for you. If you are feeling worried, let the mammographer know – they are trained to support you. Wear a skirt or trousers rather than a dress. This will make it easier to undress to the waist. Four x-rays will be taken – two of each breast

My Breast Cancer Story

I work at Berry Lane Medical Centre and, in September 2023, I was responsible for co-ordinating breast screening invites with the Burnley Breast Screening Unit. Little did I know that I would soon be on the receiving end of that process myself.

Being fit and healthy, with no family history of breast cancer, regular self-examination and no lumps felt, I attended my mammogram appointment thinking nothing more of it.

Not long afterwards, I was recalled for further tests, and was told the screening had detected breast cancer.

Everything happened quickly after that, I went through surgery to remove the tumour, radiotherapy, and now take long-term medication. It has been a daunting journey, but throughout it all, the kindness and support of the staff at Burnley Breast Screening Unit has been incredible, and I am so grateful for the care I received.

Thankfully, my cancer was caught early before it had the chance to spread. I know that breast screening gave me the very best outcome, and I am now resuming a full and active life.

Yes, the thought of cancer and treatment is scary, but early detection makes all the difference. A majority of breast cancers found at screening are at an early stage when there is an excellent chance of successful treatment and recovery.

Please, if you are invited for breast screening, don't delay. Take the time to attend—because your health and your future are worth it. It could save your life, as I believe it saved mine