## We asked some of our patients for their feedback on recent appointments in the breast screening clinic – please see some of the feedback received.

I am 55 years old and, having previously had a breast lump identified and removed as a result of Breast Screening, I would strongly encourage all invited to take up this valuable service. My last appointment was in September this year and since I had planned a trip away, I was obliged to change it, then change it AGAIN when my shifts at work were altered, luckily with a week's notice.

I rang the number given to re-arrange it on both occasions and it was very straight forward and routine for the helpful person on the Appointment Line each time.

On arrival, the Breast Screening waiting area, was calm and with only a couple of people in it. The receptionist was friendly and I was called through quickly (within minutes).

It isn't the most comfortable experience in the world (!)but the Xray staff were kind and compassionate, and despite my images being taken by a trainee which took a little longer, I was dressed and ready to leave within 15 minutes. The letter to say my results were clear came a week later.

The peace of mind afforded by an hour or two of my time is invaluable.

I urge you to Go for it Ladies!

I was seen at the nightingale/Wythenshawe within a fortnight. Thankfully being seen promptly meant my treatment happened before things could potentially spread further. I am grateful for the professionalism of all involved.



Went for my Breast screening appointment at Wythenshawe Hospital's Nightingale Centre recently. Decided to get the tram as the centre is only a short walk from the tram stop - although I think there is plenty of parking around the hospital site. My appointment took place in a Portacabin and was very relaxed and efficient. After waiting a few minutes, I was invited into the scanning room and the whole thing was all over in just a few more minutes. The scans were taken by one female practitioner and all that was involved was a bit of pulling and shoving and then what feels like a firm clamp to ensure the breast is in the correct position - and a few scans are taken so the same process is repeated. All completely painfree and great to receive a letter a short while later saying all was OK.

I recently attended for breast screening at the 'Nightingale centre', Wythenshawe hospital. This building is just on your right as you enter the hospital grounds on Southmoor road. There is easy parking (payable) outside the screening vans. It is also only a short walk from Roundthorn tram stop.

The staff were very friendly and welcoming and we chatted throughout the procedure . The screening was a little uncomfortable but this lasted a few seconds only and the whole process from arrival in the car park to driving off was less than 20 minutes. The results were sent to me very quickly so not long to worry!

On one previous occasion I was recalled for further assessment which was thankfully fine but again the whole process was very quick- only a few days to wait. I attended an appointment with the doctor at the Nightingale centre, followed by a painless ultrasound scan in the same building and was discharged on the same day - a superb service from the NHS.

I feel very lucky to live so close to such an excellent state of the art facility.

Always hate the thought of having a mammogram when it comes around but the benefits of screening far outweigh a few minutes of discomfort. I was in and out in 10mins, treated very professionally but with great care.