

# The NHS offers a range of cancer screening tests to different sections of the population

Screening is a way of finding out if people have a higher chance of having a health problem, so that early treatment can be offered, or information given to help them make informed decisions.

For more information about cancer screening and symptom awareness visit: [www.smallc.org.uk](http://www.smallc.org.uk)





# Cervical Screening

**Cervical screening** is available to women and people with a cervix aged 25 to 64 in England.

Invitations are sent every 3 or 5 years depending on age.



All eligible people who are registered with a GP (as female) will receive an invitation by post.

Trans men (assigned female at birth) do not receive invitations if registered as male with their GP, but are still entitled to screening if they have a cervix.

## All women and people with a cervix

**Age: 25 to 64**

Every 3 years: 25 —————> 49

Every 5 years: 50 —————> 64



# Bowel Screening

**Bowel cancer screening** is offered every 2 years to men and women aged 60 to 74.

This is gradually being expanded to include everyone aged 50 to 59.

People over 74 years can ask for a screening kit every 2 years by calling the free helpline on **0800 707 60 60**.



People eligible for **bowel cancer screening** get an invitation letter, along with an information leaflet explaining screening and its possible benefits and risks.



About a week later, they will be sent a faecal immunochemical test (FIT) kit with instructions on how to use it at home.

## All men and women

**Age: 60 to 74**

(gradually expanding to everyone aged 50 to 59)

**Every 2 years: 60** —————→ **74**



# Breast Screening

Women and people eligible, from 50 years up to their 71st birthday, are invited for **breast screening** every 3 years.

The first invitation to screening is sent some time between the 50th and 53rd birthdays.



People aged 71 or over do not receive **breast screening** invitations but can still have a screen every 3 years.

An appointment can be requested by calling **020 3758 2024**.

The **breast screening** X-ray (mammogram) is done at a clinic or mobile breast screening unit.

## All women

**Age: 50 to 71**

**Every 3 years: 50** —————→ **71**

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