

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.nhs.uk/conditions/nhs-screening



Cervical Screening

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

Invitations are sent every 5 years unless results show that more frequent checks are needed.



All eligible people who are registered with a GP (as female) will receive an invitation via the NHS App or post (if they do not have the App), to book an appointment at their GP practice.

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.



Bowel Screening

Bowel cancer screening is offered every 2 years to men and women aged 50 to 74.

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.



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** if you do not receive one.

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



Lung Screening

Lung cancer screening is offered every 2 years to men and women aged 55 to 74, who smoke or used to smoke.



All eligible people will receive a letter with the date and time of a telephone appointment, as well as a leaflet explaining screening and possible benefits and risks.



During this phone appointment, you will be asked questions about your health and lifestyle. You may then be offered a CT scan. The scan is done at a local hospital or clinic.

An appointment can be booked on **0800 652 9589** if you do not receive an invitation.



NHS cancer screening programmes



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