

Breast Screening Update

November 2022

Welcome to our Breast Screening Update Newsletter! We have created this newsletter to help promote and raise awareness of the South Lancashire Breast Screening programme. We aim to inform patients and GP Practices when we will be screening in their area and where our mobile screening units are currently based.

Please let us know if there is anything you would like to see regularly in this newsletter and we will do what we can to facilitate this.

South Lancashire Breast Screening Unit

**Helpful publications**

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| **C:\Users\ellison_j\Pictures\Easy read guide.png** | **Easy Read Guide** | Download or order via this link<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/breast-screening-information-for-women-with-learning-disabilities>  |
|  | **Breast Screening facts leaflet** | Available to download or order in other languages<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/breast-screening-helping-women-decide>  |
| **COVID-19** | **NHS Information** | Follow this link for further guidance<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19>  |
|  | **Breast implants and breast screening advice leaflet** | [Breast implants and breast screening - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/breast-screening-breast-implant-guidelines/breast-implants-and-breast-screening#:~:text=Breast%20screening%20reduces%20the%20number,X%2Drays%20of%20each%20breast.) |
| C:\Users\ellison_j\Pictures\coppafeel-logo.png | **Breast awareness information** | Follow this link<https://coppafeel.org/>  |

**South Lancashire breast screening Unit Facebook page**

We post and share regular updates on our dedicated Facebook page that includes useful information detailing which GP Practices we are currently screening and where our mobile screening units are based. Please feel free to share any of the posts on your practice social media pages so that your patients can access this information. If you would like us to share any of your pages please let us know and we will be happy to help out. Check out our page and give us a “Like”





We had a busy month during October helping to promote Breast Cancer Awareness Month. A huge thank you to everyone who helped or took part in raising awareness of the breast screening programme. During the month we shared lots of information on our Facebook page to focus on promoting breast screening to eligible women and highlighting the importance of how early detection saves lives!



Many thanks to BBC Radio Lancashire for giving us the opportunity to discuss the importance of the breast screening programme and why some women choose not to attend. Sharon Hartley, the presenter of the morning show had just attended her first appointment for a mammogram and was able to voice her own positive personal account of her experience. During the interview Dr Amruta Talwalker, Director of breast screening for South Lancashire breast screening service was able to detail why it is essential that women attend their appointments and how the procedure can help detect cancers that are too small to see or feel. Janet Barrett, Cancer Service Improvement Lead detailed some reasons why 1 in 3 women do not attend and what support we can offer to help women make an informed choice with regards to attendance.

**Leigh Family Practice**

During Breast Cancer Awareness Month we launched a competition to recognise the best display in GP Practices to promote and raise awareness about the importance of attending breast screening appointments for their patients.

Leigh Family Practice were chosen as the winners from a fabulous selection of entrants providing stiff competition!

Well done to all the team at Leigh Family Practice and thank you so much to everyone who took part.

Your efforts may have encouraged some women to attend their breast screening appointments!





South Lancashire breast screening service are offering a free training breast awareness session for your staff that includes full details of the breast screening programme and about the importance of being “Breast Aware” and also discuss opportunities of how we can offer support and help improve your breast screening round uptake.

Please open the file below for more details;





**Family History Clinic - GP Referrals**

Please would it be possible to advise all patients that you are referring to our Family History clinic to ensure that they **complete and return the questionnaire** that we forward to them after receiving your referral. Please be aware that the appointment will be cancelled If we do not receive the questionnaire prior to the appointment date and a new referral will then be necessary to proceed.



**Marsh Green Medical Practice**

We would like to give a special thank you to Marsh Green Medical Practice for their support and dedication for helping to contact their non-responders. Your commitment has had a positive impact on your current breast screening uptake, well done team!!

Current Mobile Screening sites

**Thomas Linacre Centre**

Parsons Walk

Wigan

WN1 1RU

**Ince**

Claire House

Phoenix Way

Ince-in-makerfield

Wigan

WN3 4NW

**Ormskirk Hospital**

Dicconson Way

Wigan Road

Ormskirk

L39 2AZ



Please open the file below for the “What 3 Words” code to help locate the mobile screening units;



Future Mobile Screening sites

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**Leigh Hospital**

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