

Exploring Low Uptake for Breast Screening

Arun Area Survey Responses December 2023

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| Carers (n9) | | Disabilities (n15) | | Age range | |
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| Yes, affect attendance (n2) | | Long-term condition (n27) Yes, affect attendance (n4) | | 50-53 (n8), 54-59 (n14), 60-64 (n14), 65-69 (n10), 70+ (n17) | |
| Employment Working full time (n18), Working part-time (n15), Unable to work (n2), Choose not to work (n1), Retired (n27), Volunteer (n3) | | | Ethnicity White British, Irish (n60), Prefer not to say (n3) | | |
| Reasons for not attending | | | | | |
| Personal or work commitments (n3), Language (n1), Unsure about examination (n1), No on-line booking (n1) | | | | | |



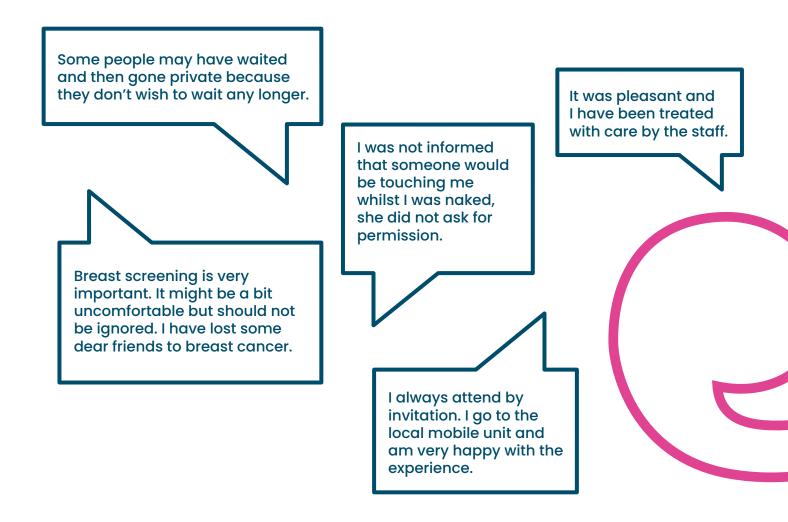
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Arun Breast Area Screening

The survey respondents who attend Breast Screening, shared their experiences of the service; several positive experiences were received, stating that they were treated with care by staff and the process was excellent, quick and efficient.

There were a few negative experiences, such as the process being painful and dignity issues. Administration issues seemed to be around not having received an appointment generally and due to being under 53 and over 70 yeas, as well as communication issues, accessible units and to be able to take a supporter.







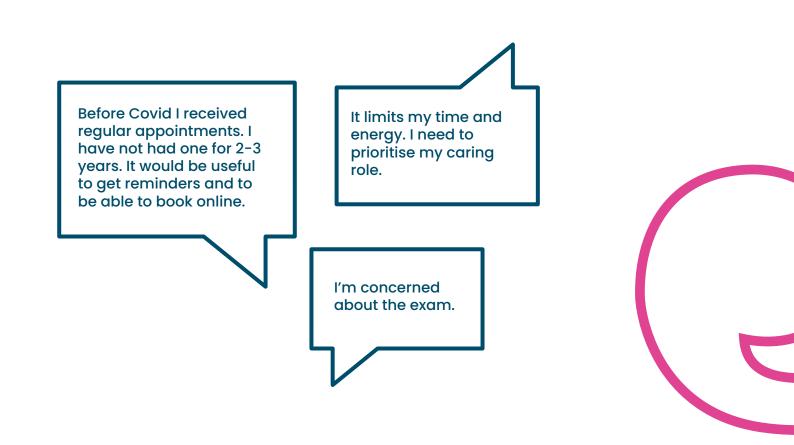
The reasons stated why respondents do not attend the screening include:

No appointment received, some under 53 and over 70 years, fear of results and people feeling unsure of the process. It was noted that carers needed more flexible appointments and there can be accessibility issues for those living with a long-term condition or disability.

Due to the closure of the Bognor unit, women are having to travel to Worthing, which incurs extra costs and an increase in travel time.

In summary

The responses confirmed that their experience of the screening service is working well. However, there are a few areas that need to be considered such as the location of the unit, travel time and cost, accessibility of the unit for those with disabilities and long-term conditions, and more flexible appointments for carers.





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