

Breast Screening Standards

Scoping Report

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1. Title

Breast Screening Standards

2. Healthcare Improvement Scotland standards and indicators

Healthcare Improvement Scotland is a public body which supports the healthcare priorities of the Scottish Government, in particular those of NHSScotland's Healthcare Quality Strategy and 2020 vision.

The role of standards is to:

- provide a statement(s) of an expected level of service which demonstrates delivery of person-centred, safe and effective healthcare
- promote understanding, compassion and improvement of care, and
- support national consistency and/or local improvement.

3. Clinical need

Healthcare Improvement Scotland is updating as appropriate its suite of screening standards as part of the National Screening Programme. The *Clinical Standards for Breast Screening*, published in 2002 by the Clinical Standards Board for Scotland, have been identified for review.

The Scottish Breast Screening Programme (SBSP) was set up over 20 years ago and invites women aged 50 to 70 years to attend breast screening every 3 years. A national review of the programme was undertaken in 2012 to ensure the service continued to meet the needs of women, and continued to provide a “high quality and equitable service”.¹

The National Services Division (NSD) commissions a number of screening programmes including breast screening. Changes are currently underway within the service, specifically updating existing screening equipment. Performance measures on uptake, cancer detection, standardised detection ratio, recalled for assessment,

¹ Review of national breast screening programme. <http://www.nsd.scot.nhs.uk/services/screening/breastscreening/index.html>

early recall and benign biopsy rates are published by the Information Services Division (ISD).²

4. The scope of the standards

4.1 Population

a. Population that will be covered:

- Women eligible for breast screening

4.2 Health and/or social care setting

- NHS boards, breast screening centres, hospitals, laboratories, mobile units, prisons, long stay institutions

4.3 Areas for standards development

a. Areas that may be covered:

- Governance and leadership
- Call-Recall
- The screening process
- The assessment process
- Uptake of screening appointment and assessment appointment
- Referral to treatment

b. Areas that will not be covered:

- Treatment of breast cancer

5. Related development sources

5.1 Key documents, policies, standards, guidelines and work programmes relating to the breast screening standards.

a. Key sources:

- Review of national breast screening programme.
www.nsd.scot.nhs.uk/services/screening/breastscreening/index.html
- www.isdscotland.org/Health-Topics/Cancer/Breast-Screening/
- www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/439553/age-extension-trial.pdf
- Marmot, MG, Altman, DG, Cameron, DA, et al. (2013) The benefits and harms of breast cancer screening: an independent review. *Br J. Cancer*, 108, 2205-2240.
- Beating Cancer: Ambition and Action.
www.gov.scot/Publications/2016/03/9784
- Cancer waiting times.
www.gov.scot/About/Performance/scotPerforms/partnerstories/NHSScotlandperformance/CancerwaitingtimesStandard

² <http://www.isdscotland.org/Health-Topics/Cancer/Breast-Screening/>

b. Related Healthcare Improvement Scotland standards or indicators:

- Clinical Standards Board for Scotland. Clinical Standards Breast Screening. 2002. Available from:
www.healthcareimprovementscotland.org/previous_resources/standards/breast_screening_standard_2002.aspx
- NHS Quality Improvement Scotland. Clinical standards: Management of breast cancer services. 2008.
www.healthcareimprovementscotland.org/our_work/cancer_care_improvement/programme_resources/standards_for_cancer_services.aspx
- Scottish Government and Healthcare Improvement Scotland. Breast cancer clinical quality performance indicators. 2014.
www.healthcareimprovementscotland.org/our_work/cancer_care_improvement/cancer_qpis/quality_performance_indicators.aspx

6. Timelines

The breast screening standards project is due to begin in August 2016 with completion by summer 2017.

7. Proposed project group specialists

The proposed specialties to be represented during the breast screening standards' development process are:

- Breast screening service manager
- Breast surgeon
- Clinical director
- ISD representative
- NSD representative
- Nurse specialist
- Pathologist
- Patient representative/public partner
- Public Health
- Radiographer
- Radiologist
- Scottish Government, and
- Scottish Cancer Coalition.

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