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# Exploring Low Uptake for Breast Screening

Adur Area Survey Responses December 2023

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# Adur Area Breast Screening Survey Responses



15 Responses



8 attend invitation

## Carers (n5)

Yes, affect attendance (n0)

## Disabilities (n7)

Long-term condition (n7)  
Yes, affect attendance (n4)

## Age range

50-53 (n4), 54-59 (n3),  
60-64 (n6), 65-69 (n1),  
70+ (n1)

## Employment

Working full time (n5),  
Working part-time (n5),  
Unable to work (n1),  
Shoose not to work (n1),  
Student (n1) Retired (n3),  
Volunteer (n2)

## Ethnicity

White British, Irish (n15)

## Reasons for not attending

Personal or work commitments (n2),  
Fear and or embarrassment (n3)

# Adur Area Breast Screening

The survey respondents who attend Breast Screening, shared their experiences of the service; several positive experiences were received, stating that the care received was excellent.

I always attend by invitation. I go to the local mobile unit and am very happy with the experience.

Although now over the age of 71 I always attended when invited. I may try and get an appt in near future. I think an invite always encourages attendance, but some will always think they are immune or maybe scared?

I found it slightly uncomfortable but was worth getting done.

I think breast screening is very important. It might be a bit uncomfortable but should not be ignored. I have lost some dear friends to breast cancer.

I have attended Breast Cancer Screening appointments regularly throughout my life.

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

No appointment received as under 53 years. There were several personal choice responses, from wanting to limit the number of x-ray interventions to wanting less intrusive thermal imaging.

Concerns include wheelchair accessibility to the unit, accommodating someone living with autism and the process inducing anxiety.

Cannot stand up still for long - use wheelchair.

## In summary

The responses suggest the need to consider the accessibility of the unit for those with disabilities and long-term conditions.



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## How this insight will be used?

We recognise that all health and care services are under pressure at this time and have had to adapt their ways of working. We will share this report with the local NHS, Local Government, and other providers to help them understand where things are working well and services are adapting to meet peoples' needs, and to help them identify any gaps. We see this as a continuation of discussions taking place and will continue to use this fresh insight and the solutions presented to challenge for a better future.

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