

# NHS breast screening programme

## Information for women with breast augmentation

- Breast screening by mammography has the potential to reduce deaths from breast cancer in women screened by 30%.
- Mammography screening may be less sensitive due to the implant obscuring the breast tissue.
- When there is a silicone implant situated within the breast, it can obscure a large proportion of breast tissue. Mammographic screening, therefore, is less likely to detect early breast cancer.
- Minimal compression will be used to hold the breast and this is very unlikely to cause any damage to the implants.
- Screening for breast cancer does not check on your implants. If you suspect a problem, inform the radiographer, as mammography may not be an appropriate test.





- It is important to be aware of the normal appearances of your breasts and to report any changes to your General Practitioner.
- Breast screening by mammography is not appropriate if you had a subcutaneous mastectomy with the breast implant.

**If you require further information, please contact your General Practitioner.**