

# Your Journey Through the Assessment Clinic

## 1. Imaging

## 2. Clinical Examination

## 3. Biopsy

### 1. Referral to our assessment clinic

- Woman attends her breast screening appointment.
- Woman recalled for further assessment to gain more information from her screening mammograms.

### 2. Imaging

- Further mammograms by a radiographer if appropriate.
- Ultrasound by a Consultant Radiologist.

### 3. Clinical examination

- Clinical examination by a Consultant Radiologist.
- Medical history will be discussed.

### 4. Imaging assessed

- All imaging will be assessed by one of our Consultant Radiologists and a decision regarding further tests will be made.

### 5. No tests

- Often no tests are required and the patient can return to routine screening.

### 6. Further tests

- Sometimes further imaging may be needed to give more information. e.g. further mammograms/ultrasound imaging.
- It may be necessary to have a needle biopsy whilst in the department. Results will take approximately one week, therefore further appointments will be necessary.
- Cysts/abscesses may also be aspirated (drained) whilst the patient is in our clinic.

### 7. Breast care nurse

- A Breast Care Nurse will support you with your journey through the assessment clinic and for any results.

### 8. Return to the assessment clinic

- Further appointments may be made to re-attend our assessment clinic for tests results.

### 9. M.D.T.

- The examinations you have undergone will be discussed and reviewed at a multidisciplinary team meeting (M.D.T.) to ensure you receive the best care, treatment and advice.
- The M.D.T. includes Clinicians, Consultant Radiologists, Radiographers, Breast Care Nurses, Pathologists and Oncologists.



A process called **triple assessment** is used in 2nd Stage Screening to give the radiologist more information from your 1st Stage Screening.