

What to expect at your breast care appointment

You have been referred to an appointment by your GP (or within King's).

You will be seen in a one stop clinic by a consultant breast surgeon or a member of their team.

A member of the medical team (consultant, clinical fellow and registrar or foundation year doctor) will take your medical history and complete a clinical examination.

You will be sent for a mammogram (x-ray), and/or tomosynthesis, and/or ultrasound, and/or biopsy (usually decided by consultant radiologist - for example, some patients will only need a mammogram while others will need a mammogram and ultrasound). All diagnostic tests are usually performed on the same day, but at times may need to be booked for another day

The consultant radiologist will review your mammogram (x-ray), tomosynthesis, ultrasound and/or biopsy as required.

If your breast or radiology consultant is concerned by the findings of the diagnostic tests and a biopsy is taken, this will be discussed with you. If you then have any further concerns there will be support available

If a biopsy is not required you will be reassured and discharged

Before you leave you will be provided with an appointment to return to the clinic in approximately one to two weeks for the results of your biopsy