

Saddleworth Medical Practice

Screening

Fact Sheet



Screening

The NHS offers a range of screening tests to different sections of the population. The aim is to offer screening to the people who are most likely to benefit from it.

To find out more visit www.nhs.uk/screening

Abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA) screening

AAA screening is offered to men in their 65th year to detect abdominal aortic aneurysms (a dangerous swelling in the aorta). Men over 65 can self-refer.

To find out more visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/abdominal-aortic-aneurysm-screening/> or talk to your GP

Breast screening

Breast screening is offered to women aged 50 to 70 to detect early signs of breast cancer. Women over 70 can self-refer.

To find out more visit www.nhs.uk/breast or talk to your GP

Bowel cancer screening

A home testing kit is offered to men and women aged 60 to 74.

To find out more visit www.nhs.uk/bowel or talk to your GP

Cervical screening

Cervical screening is offered to women aged 25 to 64 to check the health of cells in the cervix. It is offered every three years for those aged 26 to 49, and every five years from the ages of 50 to 64.

To find out more visit www.nhs.uk/cervical or talk to your Practice Nurse

Screening for trans people

	Trans woman	Trans man
Breast screening	✓	✓
Cervical screening	✗	✓
AAA screening	✓	?
Bowel screening	✓	✓

To find out more visit www.nhs.uk/trans-health or talk to your GP

Diabetic eye screening

From the age of 12, all people with diabetes are offered an annual diabetic eye test to check for early signs of diabetic retinopathy.

To find out more visit www.nhs.uk/conditions/diabetic-eye-screening or talk to your Diabetes Nurse

Screening in Pregnancy

Pregnant women are offered the following types of screening:

- screening for infectious diseases (hepatitis B, HIV and syphilis)
- screening for Down's syndrome, Patau's syndrome and Edwards' syndrome
- screening for sickle cell disease and thalassaemia
- screening for physical abnormalities (mid-pregnancy scan)

To find out more visit www.nhs.uk/screening or talk to your Midwife

Screening for new born babies

Newborn babies are offered:

- a physical examination, which includes the eyes, heart, hips and testes
- a hearing test
- a blood spot test to check if the baby has any of nine rare conditions

To find out more visit www.nhs.uk/screening or talk to your Health Visitor

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