



## An tSeirbhís Náisiúnta Scaghástála National Screening Service

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Cllr. Joe Newman  
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Dear Councillor

I refer to your query in relation to the mobile BreastCheck unit at The Pavilions Shopping Centre, Swords, County Dublin.

BreastCheck, the HSE National Breast Screening Programme, offers population-based breast screening to eligible women on an area by area basis every two years.

There are four regional centres responsible for the delivery of BreastCheck throughout the country. However, not all eligible women wish, or are able, to travel to one of these units. An important principle for the BreastCheck programme is to offer screening services locally to women in counties and locations convenient to where they live. To achieve this, each of the four screening units operates in tandem with mobile units. The majority of women participating in BreastCheck have their mammogram in one of these mobile units.

A mobile unit last arrived at the Pavilions Shopping Centre in February of 2018. All eligible women in the area were invited for a free mammogram. The unit departed on 25 October 2018. This routine of arriving at the Pavilions early in the year and departing in the run-up to Christmas has been the norm every year since 2002.

BreastCheck is still in discussion with management at The Pavilions Shopping Centre with a view to returning and is confident that we will acquire a permanent site for a mobile BreastCheck unit at the shopping centre. Our mobile transport agent is currently in the process of assessing two sites offered by The Pavilions. When this part of the process is complete, electricity, among other facilities, will need to be installed at the site which will require a period of time. It is not possible therefore to provide a start date at this time, but we are happy to provide you with updates or answer any further questions you may have.

Until this mobile unit is confirmed, women in the Swords area who are due a routine mammogram or missed their previous appointment in the The Pavilions Shopping Centre can avail of screening at the BreastCheck Eccles Unit, 14km away. They may arrange an appointment by calling the unit directly on (01) 882 6200.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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