Breast Screening Programme

England, 2015-16

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Statistics relate to the NHS Breast Screening Programme in England in 2015-16. The report includes data on women invited for breast screening, coverage, uptake of invitations, outcomes of screening and cancers detected.

National coverage
The percentage of eligible women who were screened in the last three years.

75.5%  coverage for women aged 53-70 at March 2016
(above minimum national standard of 70%)

Regional coverage

Highest  East Midlands (79.8%)  for women aged 53-70
Lowest  London (69.3%)

Uptake of routine invitations

72.1% of women aged 50-70 accepted their invitation to be screened

Uptake of routine invitations has risen for the first time since 2011

Local coverage
Out of 150 Local Authorities, 120 met minimum standard of 70%

74 achieved coverage of 75% and above
46 achieved coverage of 70% to less than 75%