



An tSeirbhís Náisiúnta Scagthástála
National Screening Service

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PQ12469/20: To ask the Minister for Health when the BreastCheck unit will be coming to a town (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Details supplied: Letterkenny, Co Donegal. The BreastCheck unit was due to return to Letterkenny in January last.

Dear Deputy McConalogue,

I refer to the above parliamentary question.

The National Screening Service (NSS) is planning a phased restart of its screening programmes from July 2020. It is projected that BreastCheck will resume screening in September/October.

In the interim period, the BreastCheck static units are continuing to assist the symptomatic service delivery for their host hospitals, and prioritising patients with a known high grade/aggressive cancer. BreastCheck mobile units are being reconditioned to meet infection control and physical distancing standards ahead of breast screening restarting. BreastCheck is reviewing the locations of the mobile units prior to restarting the programme and will publish the data on its website in due course.

It is important to note at this time that screening is not for people with symptoms. Women who are in-between screening appointments, or waiting rescheduled appointments, are being asked to continue to be aware of and act on any symptoms associated with the conditions being screened for. If they have any concerns about symptoms they are urged to contact their GP immediately.

For other queries patients can call the Freephone information line on 1800 45 45 55, email info@breastcheck.ie or contact their clinic directly.

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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