

# Cancer Screening Update

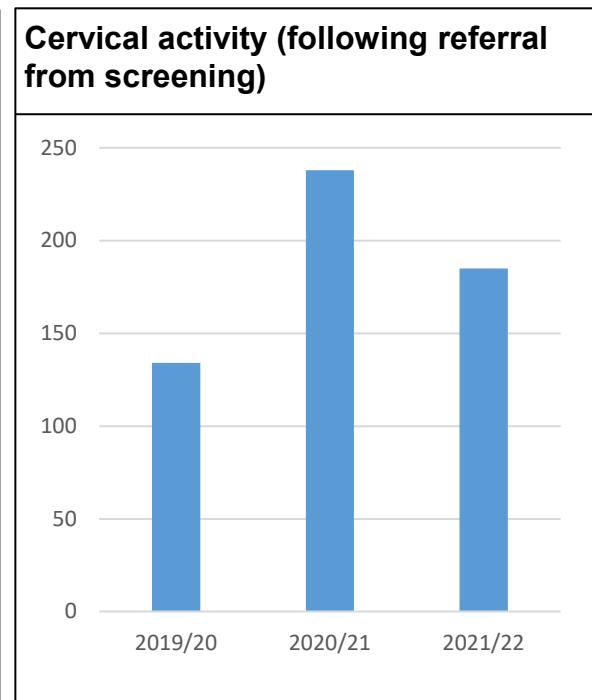
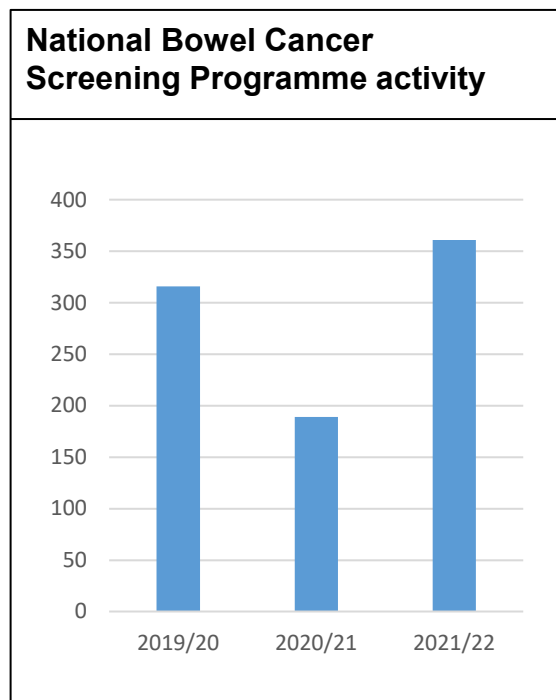
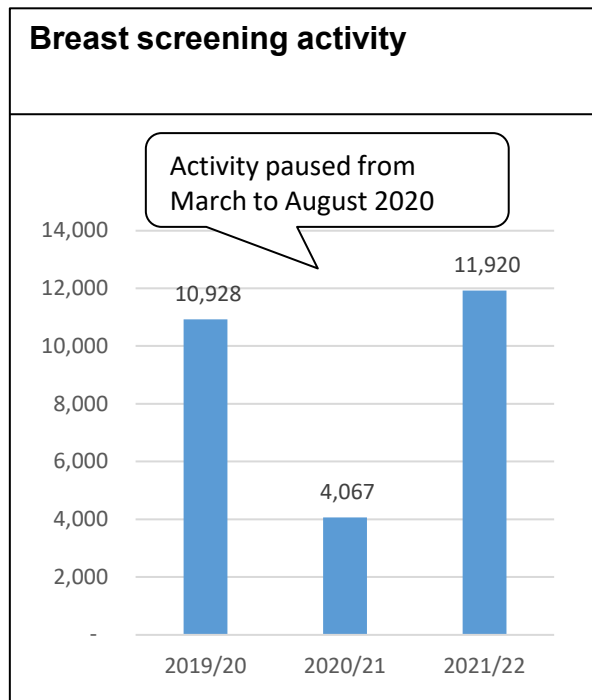
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# The Trust carries out cancer screening across a number of tumour sites

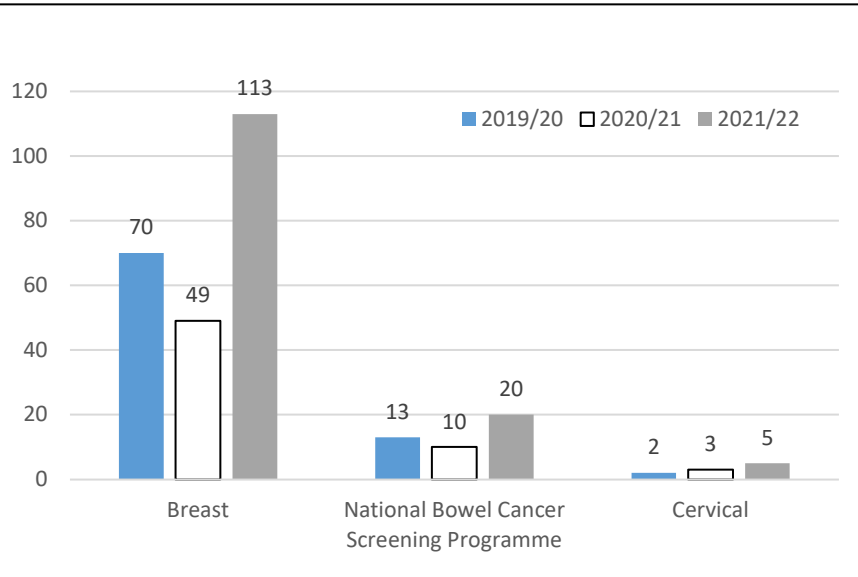
- **Bowel cancer screening** – patients will receive screening via the National Bowel Cancer Screening Programme, or can be referred via their GP for cancer diagnostics on a standard 2ww pathway or via direct access
- **Breast cancer screening** – patients will be invited to screening as part of the national programme
- **Cervical screening** – the Trust has recently started offering a new service, which began in April 2022, for opportunistic patients. The national programme is delivered in primary care. Patients with anomalies from initial screening will be referred to us for diagnoses and treatment

# The Trust delivers high volumes of activity across some of these programmes, although most was curtailed during wave 1 of Covid-19 in 2020

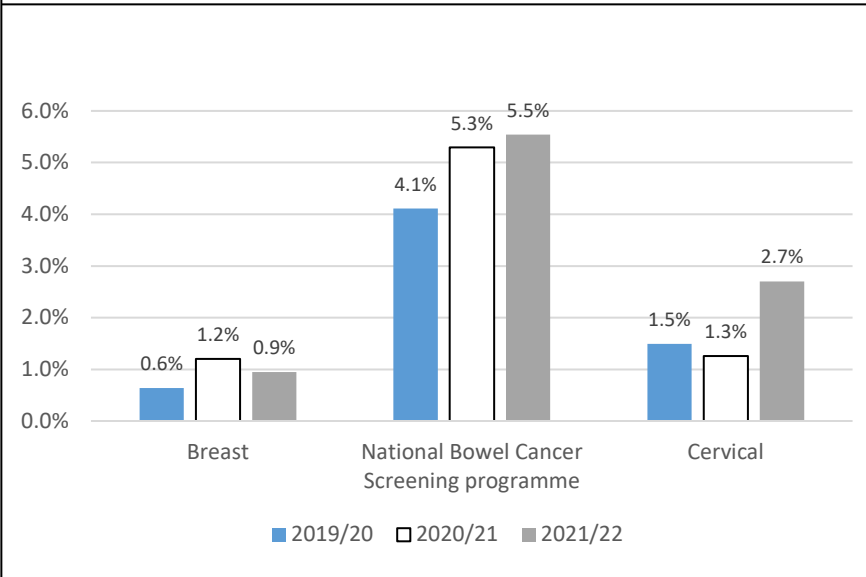


As a result of the lower levels of screening activity due to Covid-19, the numbers of cancers diagnosed fell in 2021 (before rising in 2021/22), and notably there wasn't a proportionate drop in positive diagnoses

Number of cancers diagnosed in year, by screening type



Proportion of screened patients receiving cancer diagnosis



# Cancer screening has caught up the backlog of patients who missed screening appointments in 2020/21 due to the Covid-19 pandemic, although there are some patients awaiting an endoscopy

- **Bowel cancer screening** – There are some patients awaiting an endoscopy who are overdue their appointment (in some cases just by a few days). However, this encompasses all patients, not just those on cancer screening patients (e.g., IBD patients, patients with polyps). The Trust is undertaking an exercise to identify how many specific cancer patients (if any) are within this cohort.
- **Breast cancer screening** – The Trust has fully caught up with the breast screening programme invites, with patients due their appointment in July being sent invitations in June for immediate booking.
- **Cervical screening** – The new service is delivered by our Integrated Sexual Health team, with up to 34 screenings available monthly as commissioned by NHS England. Only 7 were required in May 2022.