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Subject:	Surveillance mammograms
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Requested:

1. What is the cost of a surveillance mammogram at your trust? (We won't be publishing the costs from each trust, just reporting a range of costs across all trusts)
2. What is the length of time you allocate for a surveillance mammogram appointment?
3. Do those attending for a surveillance mammogram also have a consultation? If so, who do they have the consultation with (job role) and for how long?
4. How long (approximately) would you estimate it takes to read a surveillance mammogram? Who reads the surveillance mammogram (job role)?
5. Is there a report being written after reading the surveillance mammogram? If so, who writes the report (job role) and how long does it take? Is the report typically send out directly to the patient or to the GP?
6. We have found that some patients who have an abnormality on their surveillance mammogram undergo a physical examination. Who would typically do this (job role) and how long would it approximately take?
7. What is the cost of tomosynthesis at your trust? (We won't be publishing the costs from each trust, just reporting a range of costs across all trusts)

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms that the fully absorbed cost of a mammogram, as included in the 2022/23 Welsh Costing return, was £51.54.
Please note:- this is the most up to date data held, as the 2023/24 data has not been finalised.
2. The UHB confirms that it allocates fifteen (15) minutes for a surveillance mammogram appointment.
3. The UHB confirms that patients do not receive a consultation when attending an appointment for a surveillance mammogram.
4. The UHB confirms that it takes approximately ten (10) minutes to read a surveillance mammogram. The Consultant Radiographer/Consultant Radiologist reads the mammogram.
5. The UHB confirms that reports are written by the Consultant Radiographer/Consultant Radiologist after reading the surveillance mammogram, which takes approximately ten (10) minutes. The reports are sent to the referring clinician.
6. The UHB confirms that if there is an abnormality reported on the surveillance mammogram, the patient is offered a clinic appointment, which includes a physical examination. The examination is carried out by a Registrar, Surgeon, or Specialist Breast Nurse, who is qualified to carry out

breast physical examinations. The UHB does not hold the time an examination takes; this would be determined on an individual's needs.

7. The UHB confirms that the fully absorbed cost of a Tomosynthesis, as included in the 2022/23 Welsh Costing return, was £172.76.

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