



The Breast Unit

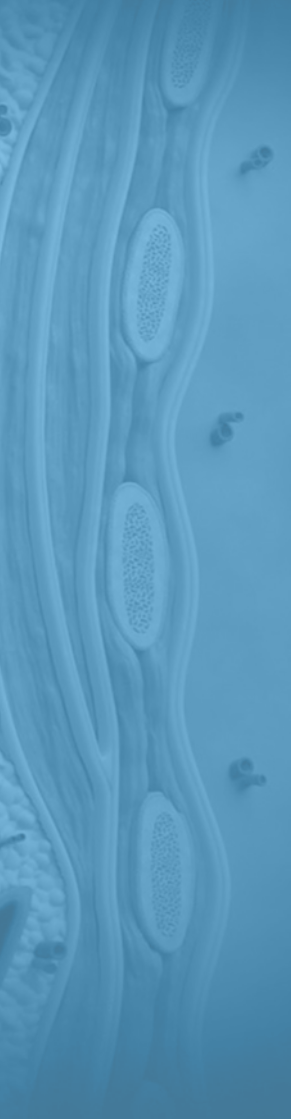
The Wilmslow
Hospital



Personalised, patient-centred breast care

The Breast Unit at HCA Healthcare UK
The Wilmslow Hospital, is a state-of-the-art,
dedicated one-stop unit offering patients
the full spectrum of breast assessment and
surgical care - all under one roof.





We pride ourselves in ensuring every patient visiting The Breast Unit benefits from our rapid access, consultant-led service. Using the very latest digital mammography, we'll investigate any breast concerns they may have and provide them with their initial results – all within the same visit.

From the moment they arrive with us at The Wilmslow Hospital, all care is tailored to the needs of each individual, along with full support and holistic care to our team of Clinical Nurse Specialists.

Our leading breast specialists have established a reputation for delivering consistently high standards of care, with a relentless focus on quality, expertise and support. Our strength lies within the excellence of our clinical multidisciplinary teams — with an exceptional group of consultants, nursing and therapy staff coming together to attend to all of our patients' breast care needs.

**If our patients
require further
treatment, we
can refer them
directly on to
HCA Healthcare UK
The Christie
Private Care.**

Comprehensive, one-stop breast service

At The Breast Unit, we offer patients rapid access to our triple assessment breast care service, and same-day appointments are often available.

They'll receive all their initial diagnostic tests in one appointment and will be given the results of these tests on the same day. If further tests such as biopsies are required, these can be taken within the same appointment and results are available within **five to seven working days**.

Our breast surgeons can perform any necessary surgical procedures on-site and if diagnosed with cancer, our patients have a seamless pathway into our sister site, The Christie Private Care. Here, they'll receive expert cancer care from some of the region's top oncologists.



Triple assessment pathway

For patients displaying symptoms of breast cancer

Patients referred to The Breast Unit by their GP or consultant are eligible for the following assessment:

Step 1



Medical history and clinical breast examination

The patient has the opportunity to discuss their breast concerns with one of our expert consultants, in a safe and warm environment. Dependent on their individual needs, this takes around **10-20 minutes**. The Breast Unit is an area of the hospital dedicated to women's health, and its layout has been carefully considered to ensure our patients' comfort.

Step 2



Mammogram and/or ultrasound

The patient's mammogram is carried out by specialist radiographers, who will take digital X-ray images of their breasts. Our consultant breast radiologists will then review the images in real time, and may recommend additional imaging such as an ultrasound to ensure the best possible assessment is achieved.

Step 3



Image-guided biopsy (if clinically indicated)

If it's felt that any area of the breast requires further investigation, the patient's consultant radiologist may decide that a biopsy is appropriate. This can also be carried out within the same appointment.

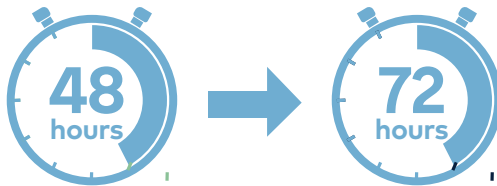
Self-referral breast screening service

For patients with
no symptoms of
breast cancer



To make the process of breast screening easier for our patients, we offer a self-referral breast mammography service to those who meet the relevant criteria.

To have their breasts screened by our team of experts, patients simply need to book an appointment at The Wilmslow Hospital. Every mammogram is carried out by an independent radiographer, and we provide all patients with a 'double report' of their results (including a written report) within 48 to 72 hours.



This service is offered to patients who:

- Are aged 40 and above
- Have no current breast symptoms
- Haven't had a mammogram for 12 months
- Have a named clinician and GP who we can share their results with

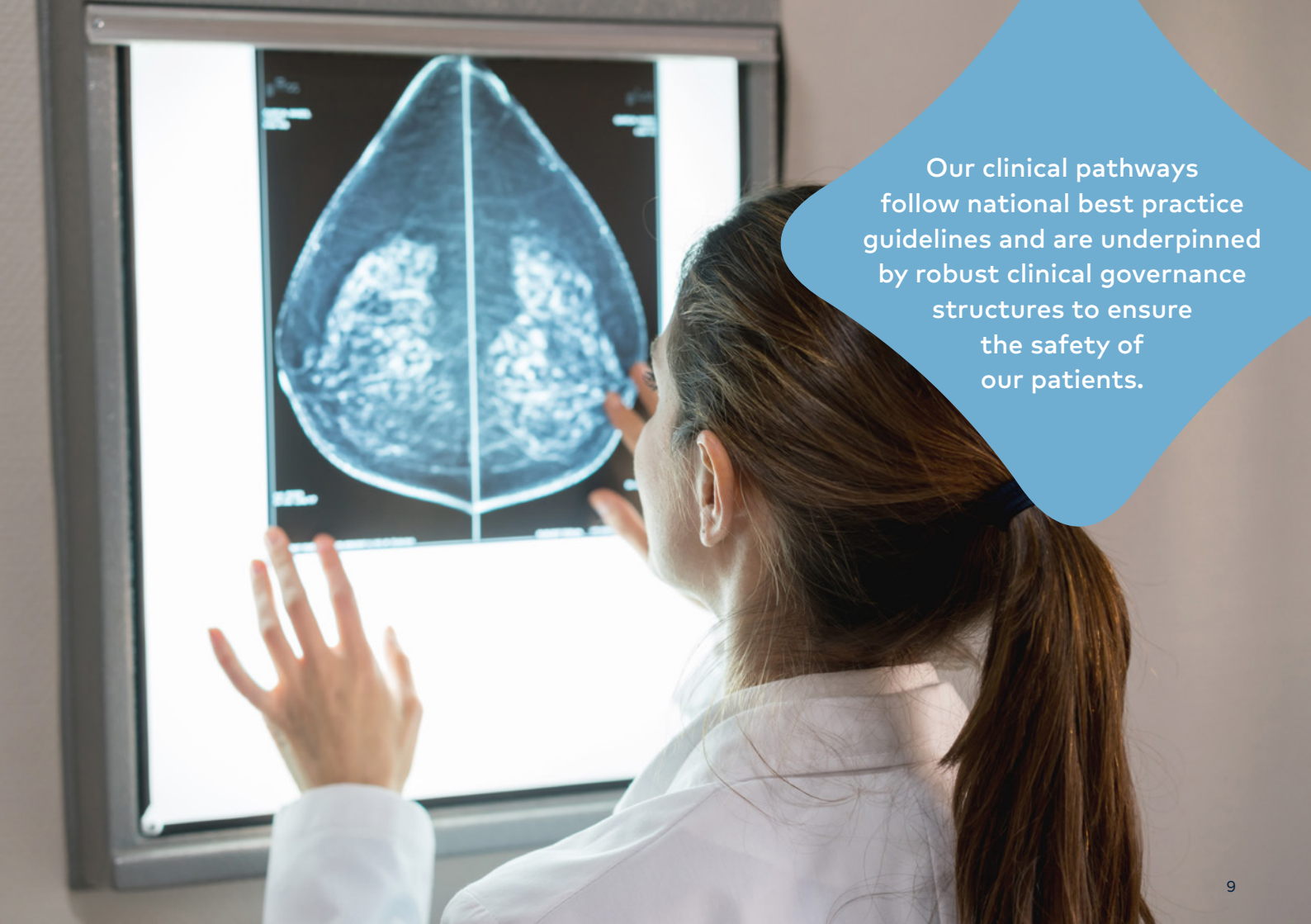
Seamless, multidisciplinary care and treatment

From consultant breast and plastic surgeons, to radiologists, mammographers and breast care nurses, patients visiting us at The Breast Unit will benefit from the clinical expertise of our multidisciplinary team of specialists.

If a patient is given a breast cancer diagnosis, our team will work together to devise the most suitable treatment plan, tailored to the needs of each individual patient.

Our patients have access to the full pathway of breast cancer treatment through The Wilmslow Hospital and The Christie Private Care:

- A full range of surgical treatments from some of the region's top breast surgeons.
- Genetic testing led by clinical geneticists, either as part of diagnosis and treatment planning or to assess inherited genetic risks.
- The latest systemic anti-cancer therapies including chemotherapy, hormone therapy and immunotherapy.
- Radiotherapy using the latest technologies and treatment techniques.
- Oncoplastic reconstructive procedures including implant based or autologous flap reconstruction and advanced reconstructive procedures such as DIEP flap.
- Holistic needs assessment and integrated holistic care pathways tailored to individual needs.
- Award winning supportive care from 'The Wellbeing Space', a dedicated support programme for patients living with and beyond cancer.

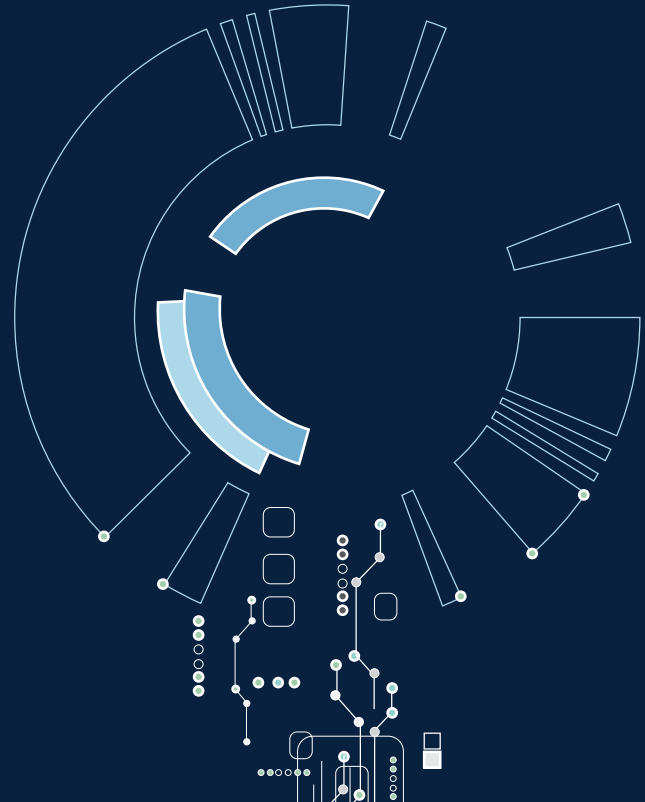
A healthcare professional, likely a radiologist, is shown from the side, wearing a white lab coat. They are looking at a breast MRI scan displayed on a light box. The scan shows a cross-section of a breast with a central vertical line. The professional's hands are raised towards the image, suggesting they are examining it closely. A blue speech bubble-like shape is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing text.

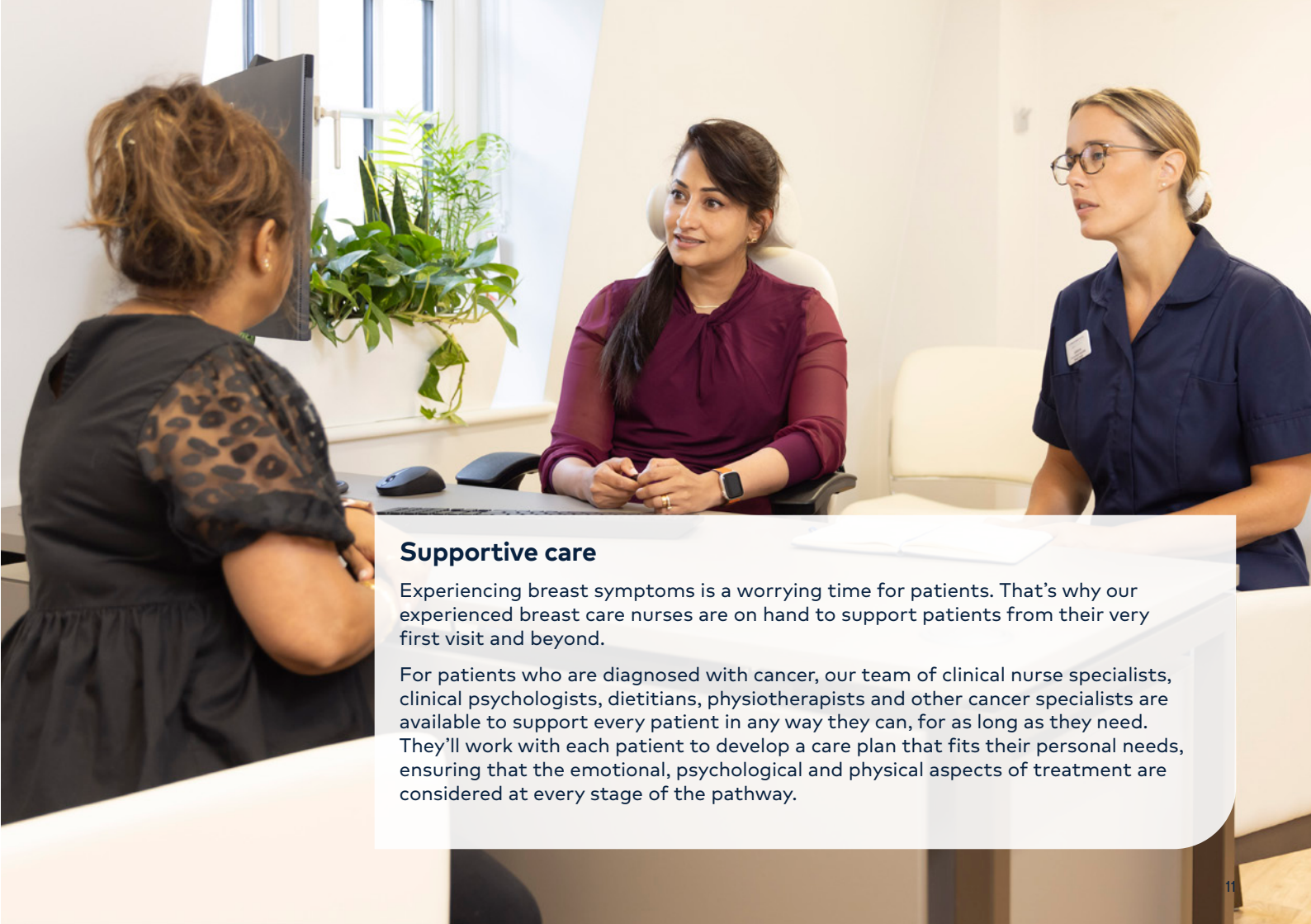
Our clinical pathways follow national best practice guidelines and are underpinned by robust clinical governance structures to ensure the safety of our patients.

State-of-the-art technology

To give our patients the best diagnostic techniques, we continually invest in the very latest imaging technology. This includes digital mammography and a 3T MRI scanner, which is particularly strong when screening younger women and patients with dense breast tissue.

This technology decreases waiting times for results and vastly improves the reliability and speed of diagnosis. Most importantly, it helps to ensure that breast cancer can be detected and diagnosed in its earliest stages, when it is most treatable, and the we can provide all of our patients with an individual treatment plan in line with clinical best practice.





Supportive care

Experiencing breast symptoms is a worrying time for patients. That's why our experienced breast care nurses are on hand to support patients from their very first visit and beyond.

For patients who are diagnosed with cancer, our team of clinical nurse specialists, clinical psychologists, dietitians, physiotherapists and other cancer specialists are available to support every patient in any way they can, for as long as they need. They'll work with each patient to develop a care plan that fits their personal needs, ensuring that the emotional, psychological and physical aspects of treatment are considered at every stage of the pathway.



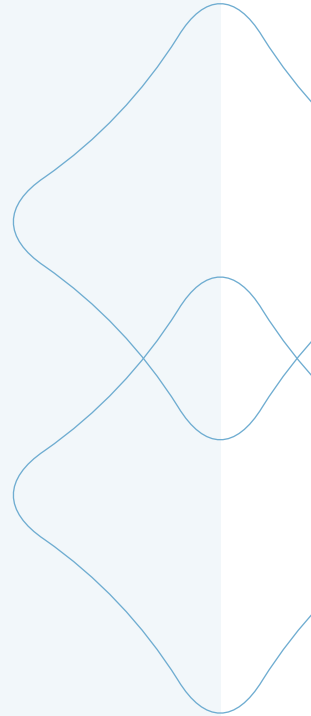
Surgical precision with Magseed

We continually invest in the latest surgical techniques to improve the experience and outcomes of patients undergoing breast surgery.

While some breast tumours are easy to feel there are others, often those detected through screening, which are not palpable. Our aim is to remove the cancer as precisely as possible, so localising it in the breast is very important.

Using ultrasound, Magseed is a marker that is placed into the patient's breast prior to surgery to help guide surgeons directly to the tumour during a breast lumpectomy. It can be placed in the breast days in advance, reducing the patient's time in hospital, and at just 5mm long, it's smaller than a grain of rice.

At the time of surgery, a magnetic probe is used to locate the marker and the seed is then removed along with the tumour.



Meet the team

Breast surgeons

Mr Mohammed Absar
Mr Nikitas Dimopoulos
Mr Richard Johnson
Mr Jalal Kokan
Mr Mohammad Amir Sharif
Mr John Murphy

Radiologists

Dr Darius Bielecki
Dr Soujanya Gadde
Dr Trupti Kulkarni
Dr Yit Lim

Clinical Nurse Specialists

Nicola Brady
Katie Waller
Teghan Young

Breast care coordinators

Miss Stacey Fraser
Mrs Sarah Parr
Miss Jayde Harrison

Mammographers

Sally Hubbard
Debbie Robinson

Book an appointment

To refer your patient to see one of our specialists at The Breast Unit, please call:

0161 641 8292

If your patient would like to book their own self-referral screening, please call:

01625 545 020

onestopbreastclinic@hcahealthcare.co.uk

Opening hours:

Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm

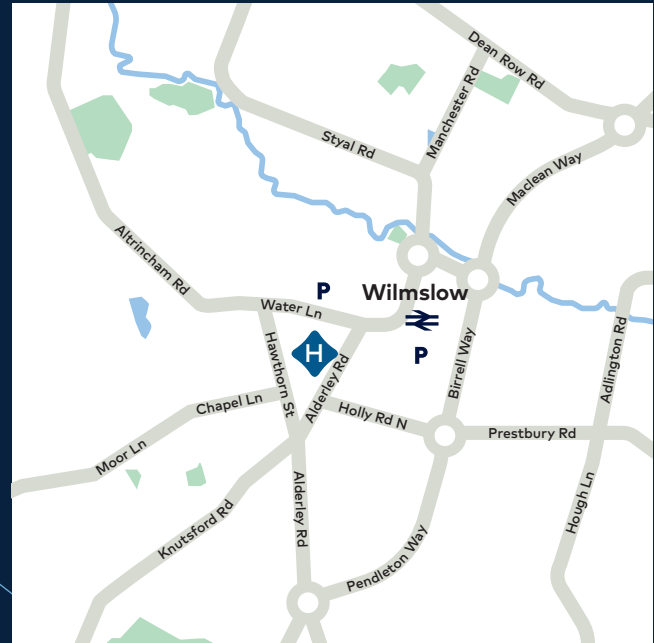
We can often offer same-day or next-day appointments for urgent referrals.

How to find us

The Wilmslow Hospital

52 Alderley Road
Wilmslow
SK9 1NY

On-site parking is available.







The Wilmslow Hospital

Providing fast local access to some of the region's top specialists in diagnostic and surgical services. From initial tests to inpatient surgical procedures, our dedicated multidisciplinary team diagnose and treat a wide range of conditions.



The Christie Private Care

A dedicated private patient facility on-site at The Christie, one of Europe's largest single site cancer centres. The Christie Private Care brings together expert cancer teams to provide personalised treatment for every patient, including integrated holistic care pathways.

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London Bridge Hospital

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