

Fine Needle Aspiration (FNA)

Fine needle aspiration involves the doctor or nurse taking a sample of cells from the breast in order to assist in making a diagnosis. It may be done if you have a breast lump or change in texture of the breast tissue.

The doctor or nurse will use a needle with a syringe attached to obtain some breast cells. The needle will move gently in and out of the breast. The cells removed will be sent to the laboratory.

The risks of the procedure include bruising which may appear at the needle site immediately or over the hours following the test. You may also experience mild to moderate discomfort. This varies from person to person but should not cause pain that will prevent you from maintaining daily activities. We recommend that if you experience discomfort you should take simple painkillers such as Paracetamol.

The results of the test are not available the same day. Before you leave the breast unit you will be given a further appointment to receive the results, either in person or by telephone, usually within a week.

If you have any concerns/problems following this procedure please contact:

The Jasmine Centre, Doncaster Royal Infirmary, Tel: 01302 642397

Bassetlaw Hospital, Diana Princess of Wales Breast Unit,
Tel: 01909 500990.

Patient Experience Team

The team are available to help with any concerns/complaints you may have about your experience at the Trust. Their office is in the Main Foyer (Gate 4) of Doncaster Royal Infirmary. Contact can be made either in person, by telephone or email.

The contact details are:

Telephone: 01302 553140 or 0800 028 8059. Email: pals.dbh@dbh.nhs.uk.

