



An tSeirbhís Náisiúnta Scagthástála  
National Screening Service



# Giving Consent for Screening Programmes



**This is a Plain English information leaflet.**

# Screening your choice

It is your choice to take part in our screening programmes or not.

When you say yes, you give consent.

When you say no, you refuse consent.

You can say yes or no.

You should get the supports you need to make your decision.

You have to give your own consent before you can have a screening test.

Usually, no one else can give consent for you.

You can give or refuse consent in different ways, for example, by speaking, nodding your head, writing or using a communication device.

Our information will support you to understand what screening is.

You can ask questions before or at your appointment too.

# Screening – your choice

You can read our information leaflet about the screening programme. There are photo stories to explain what happens during a screening test.

You can read our leaflet about the harms and benefits of screening. This will tell you the good and bad parts to screening.

You can read our leaflet about how we look after your information. This leaflet tells you how we collect, keep, and use your information.

It might help to talk about the screening programme with your family and friends. You could look at the information together.

It might help to talk to someone that has had the screening test before.

You will be asked for consent every time you have a screening test.

# What am I giving consent for?

When you give consent, you agree to take part in a screening programme and to have a screening test.

We will collect and keep your personal information, including your name, address, date of birth, and doctor details.

We will keep information about your screening test and your results, for example, photos from an eye test or mammogram.

We will ask for consent if we want to use your information for research.

# No consent

You can say no to taking part in a screening programme.

This means you do not give consent.

You can change your mind about having a screening test at any time.

You can tell the person doing the screening test to stop anytime you want.

There must be a way for you to communicate if you change your mind and cannot use words.

For example, put up your hand to say stop.

If you do not want to take part in a screening programme, phone or email us, and tell us.

We will not contact you again.

If you change your mind at a later date you can call us again.

We can put you back on the list.

# More support

Tell us if you need support or more information to make a choice about taking part in a screening programme.

We have an Access Officer. This person can help you to use our service.

# More information

[www.breastcheck.ie](http://www.breastcheck.ie)

[www.cervicalcheck.ie](http://www.cervicalcheck.ie)

[www.bowelscreen.ie](http://www.bowelscreen.ie)

[www.diabeticretinascreen.ie](http://www.diabeticretinascreen.ie)

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