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**Specialist Breast Care Service
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This leaflet is designed to give you more information regarding the surgery to your breast. Your recent mammogram/ultrasound scan of your breast has shown an area which the doctor feels should be removed.

As there is no lump to feel in your breast the surgeon needs to have this area marked or localised before your operation.

Localisation

The localisation procedure is carried out in the mammogram/ultrasound suite in the hospital before you go to the operating theatre. It normally takes about 30-45 minutes.

After an initial mammogram x-ray or ultrasound to find the area concerned, some local anaesthetic is given to numb the skin and breast tissue. Under x-ray guidance, the radiologist will insert one or two very fine wires into the breast to mark the area. Further x-rays may be taken to confirm that they are in the right position. They are then taped to the skin to prevent them from moving.

Surgery

After the localisation procedure you will return to the ward for a short time prior to going on to theatre for your operation. This will be performed under general anaesthetic.

The breast area will be quite bruised and swollen for a few weeks after the operation. In the first few weeks you may feel a little uncomfortable but you will be given painkillers to take home, and a follow-up prescription for your doctor. Wearing a supportive bra will help.

Review

You will be seen 7-12 days after your operation to discuss the results of the surgery.

If you have any questions in hospital please ask your consultant, breast care nurse or any of the other ward staff. The breast care nurse can be contacted for any questions arising after discharge.