



# Cancer screening programmes at a glance

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Bowel

England	Scotland	Wales	Northern Ireland
50–74			60–74
2 yearly. On request from 75		2 yearly	
120µg/g [a]	80µg/g		120µg/g
FIT			
68% (2023–24)	66% (2022–24)	66% (2023–24)	67% (2023–24)




Breast

England	Scotland	Wales	Northern Ireland
50–70			
3 yearly. On request over 70			
Mammography			
70% (2023–24)	76% (2022–23)	70% (2022–23)	74% (2023–24)



Cervical

England	Scotland	Wales	Northern Ireland
25–64 [c]			
5 yearly HPV +ve: yearly			25–49: 3 yearly 50–64: 5 yearly HPV +ve: yearly
HPV primary testing Cytology triage if HPV positive			
69% (2023–24)	63% (2023–24)	69% (2023–24)	68% (2023–24)



Lung [d]

Targeted lung cancer screening is being rolled out in England with a phased approach. A programme is also being planned for implementation in Wales and Scotland following successful pilots. Find out more on our [lung cancer screening webpage](#).

[a] NHS England is beginning to reduce the FIT threshold to 80µg/g across several early adopter sites.

[b] Caution should be taken when making comparisons across countries due to differences in time periods of data, changes to age ranges, test sensitivity and/or differences in the definitions of coverage and uptake of screening. [c] Some people aged 65 or over may request a test or may be invited for cervical screening if a recent test was abnormal. Find more information [here](#).

[d] The UK National Screening Committee recommended targeted lung cancer screening across the UK in September 2022 for people aged 55 to 74 with a GP record including a history of smoking. **FIT:** Faecal Immunochemical Test **HPV:** Human Papillomavirus

Data sources: England: NHS England (bowel), NHS Digital (breast and cervical). Scotland: Public Health Scotland. Wales: Public Health Wales. Northern Ireland: Public Health Agency (bowel and cervical), Northern Ireland Breast Screening Programme (breast).