

# **Association of Breast Surgery**

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## **Dear Colleagues**

As you can imagine, the Covid pandemic has caused disruption in the national Breast Screening programme as it has throughout the NHS.

As part of the recovery package, in England & Wales NHS Breast Screening has made the following changes:

- a. The AgeX trial has permanently ceased recruitment. Outcomes are expected to be reported in the mid 2020s
- b. Women aged 71 and above are <u>no longer</u> able to self-refer for mammography.

Please be aware of these changes as you speak to patients and colleagues.

Kind regards

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