**The Breast Screening Mobile Unit is in the Western Isles later this month**

If you’re a woman over the age of 50, the combination of checking your breasts regularly and attending your breast screening appointments gives you the best chance of being diagnosed early – and surviving - breast cancer. Women aged between 50-70 years living on the Western Isles and registered with a GP practice will receive a letter or invitation to attend the mobile unit.

Ignoring the invitation leaves women at risk. Dr Maggie Watts, Director of Public Health with NHS Western Isles said: *“Breast cancer remains the commonest cancer in Western Isles women but it’s also very treatable when caught early. I encourage every woman who is invited to attend for breast screening, to take up the offer. We are using four central locations across the Islands to make it easier for women to be screened; the appointment only takes a few minutes and the staff are welcoming and helpful.”*

This year to maximise the unit’s capacity and reduce empty slots, **women who previously did not attend their appointment will receive a letter asking them to call the screening centre to make their appointment.** Please look out for the letter and take up this opportunity to be screened.

**The dates for screening in each location are:**

Barra (Castlebay): Week beginning 21st August 2023

Uist (Balivanich): Week beginning 21 August 2023

**Harris (Tarbert): Week beginning 25th September 2023**

Lewis (Stornoway): Week beginning 9th October 2023

Letters will be sent out 4 weeks before your appointment date. If the day is not suitable or you have not received your appointment, please contact:

* 01463 70 5416 for Barra
* **01463 705416 for Lewis, Harris and Uist**

**If you do not want the appointment, please let us know so it can be allocated to someone else.**