



Guidelines for Data Sharing between BreastScreen Aotearoa Providers – Summary

Any data sharing that occurs within the BreastScreen Aotearoa (BSA) Programme must adhere to standards and legal requirements outlined in Appendix I:5 Information Notification of the National Policy & Quality Standards.

The BSA general pamphlet must be provided to all women enrolling in the Programme. It ensures compliance with the legal requirement to notify women that their information will be collected.

Note: The information in these guidelines regarding women enrolled in BSA only applies if they have received the general pamphlet.

What information can be shared

Women enrolled in BSA

- Information about women can be shared between Independent Service Providers (ISPs) and Lead Providers.
- Lead Providers can send lists of enrolled and/or screened women to ISPs and/or GPs in order to identify women who are not enrolled with BSA and ask if they would like to be invited for an appointment.
- If a woman completes an enrolment form with the assistance of an ISP, then the woman has effectively joined the Programme and her information can be shared by BSA providers.

Women not enrolled in BSA

- GPs can send out letters to their own patients asking for consent for their details to be sent to Lead Providers.
- If a woman verbally agrees to attend for a mammogram, a written note in her records is sufficient and considered to be consent, and GPs and ISPs can pass information to Lead Providers.

What information cannot be shared

Women not enrolled in BSA

- Information cannot be provided to Lead Providers by ISPs and GPs without a woman's consent.