Breast Screening

Photo journey for women with learning disabilities
Karen has a mammogram
Karen gets a letter. It is asking her to go for breast screening. This is sometimes called a *mammogram*.
The appointment is at Chequer Road Clinic in Doncaster.
Karen arrives at the clinic. She can take someone with her if she wants.
Inside, she follows the sign for the Breast Screening Clinic.
She gives her invite letter to the receptionist.
She takes a seat in the waiting room.
The radiographer calls for her. The radiographer is the person who will take the special x-ray pictures of Karen’s breasts. It is her job to tell you what to do, and work the machine.
She explains to Karen that she has to take her bra off and put her blouse back on.
Karen goes into the cubicle to take off her bra.
Then she waits outside the x-ray room.
The radiographer calls her into the x-ray room.
This is the machine that will take a picture of Karen’s breasts.
The radiographer shows Karen the machine and explains to her what will happen.
Karen has her breast placed on the machine.
She is put in the right position so they can get a good picture. The machine tilts to get it right.
Karen’s breast is squeezed tightly. She stands very still. The radiographer takes the picture from behind a screen.
Karen also has a picture taken of her other breast.
Karen gets dressed. The radiographer says the x-rays have worked. Karen can go home. She will get her results in the post. The radiographer gives her a letter explaining this.
A few weeks later, Karen gets her results in the post. It says her breasts are healthy. Some people may have to go back. Karen doesn’t have to go back for 3 years.
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