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## **BREAST SCREENING – RECALL OF PATIENTS**

The Eastern Health and Social Services Council shares the concern of patients at the announcement today of the recall of almost 2,000 women by the Belfast City Hospital for reassessment for their risk of breast cancer.

Richard Dixon, Chief Officer, said:

*“In line with other statements made on this – the important thing is for those patients directly affected to be seen and reassessed. The help line number for the Belfast City Hospital is 02890 263531.*

*We welcome the prompt action that has been taken and the assurances given that the risk to patients is small.*

*Once the reassessments are completed, it will be important to establish – for the benefit of the public – the circumstances and events surround this. We have written to the Belfast City Hospital Trust today to ask to be kept informed of any developments.”*

### **Notes to Editor**

**“The Eastern Health and Social Services Council was set up in 1991 to represent the interests of the public in health and social services in the Eastern Board area.”**

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