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How has COVID-19 changed breast radiology cancer practice?

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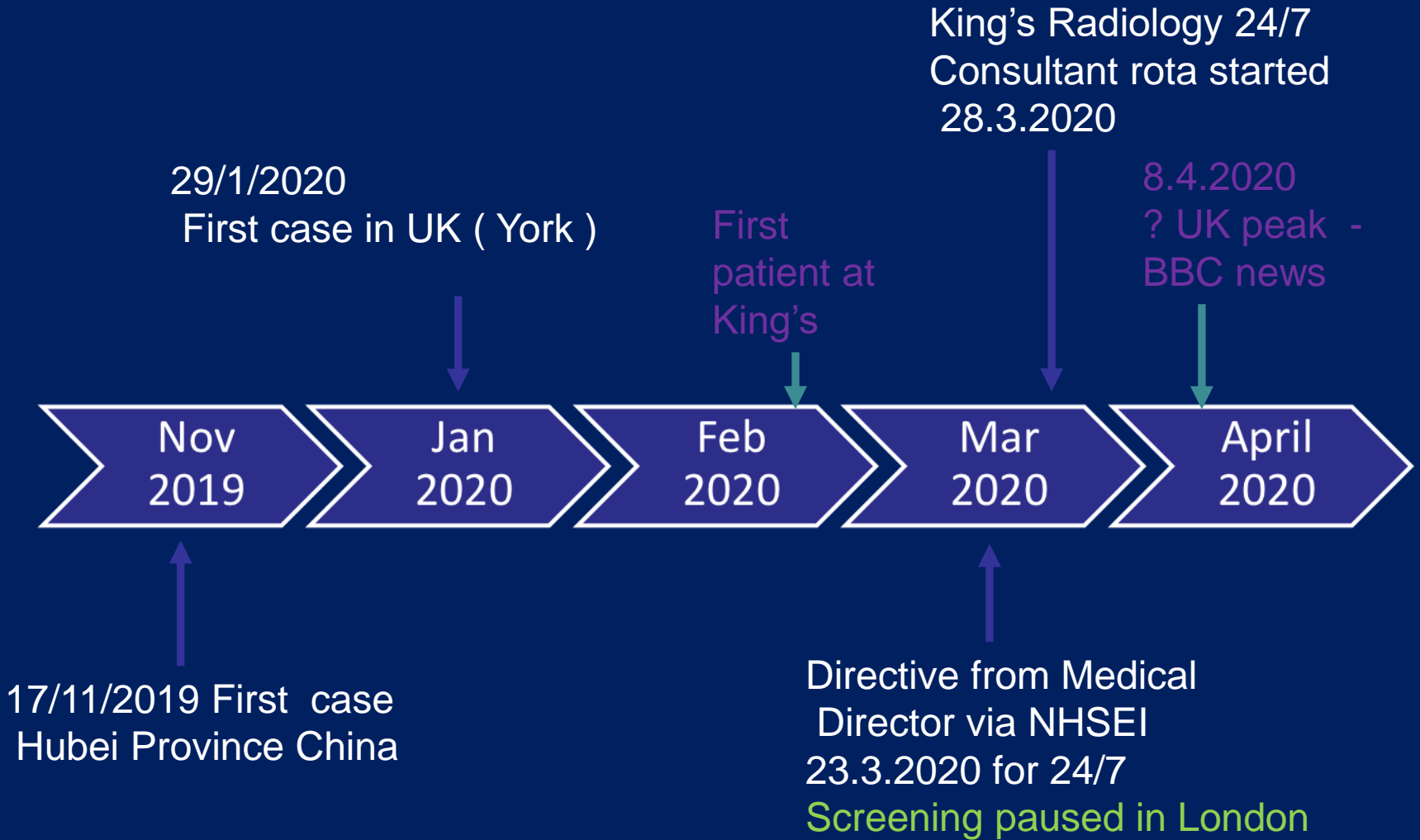


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Aims

- ❖ **Review screening processes affected by COVID**
- ❖ **Highlight changes to screening**
- ❖ **Changes to post diagnostic practice**

Timeline



Restart

- ❖ **Restarted at different times in the UK after 1st June**
- ❖ **Nationally on 30/9/2020 the backlog from pause is 818,884**
- ❖ **In order to catch up if we worked the same way would be to screen at 140%**

Restart

- ❖ Appointment times increased from 6 minutes to 10 – 12 minutes due to enhanced cleaning of equipment and social distancing waiting areas
- ❖ Capacity is at least halved due to this vs need for 140%

Restart

❖ NHSEI sent out tiered approach to restart

Tier 1 High risk screening

Tier 2 Screen positives in pathway

Tier 3 Screening results not processed

Tier 4 Women cancelling screening appointment due to COVID-19 and women invited but not screened

Tier 5 Women delayed an invitation

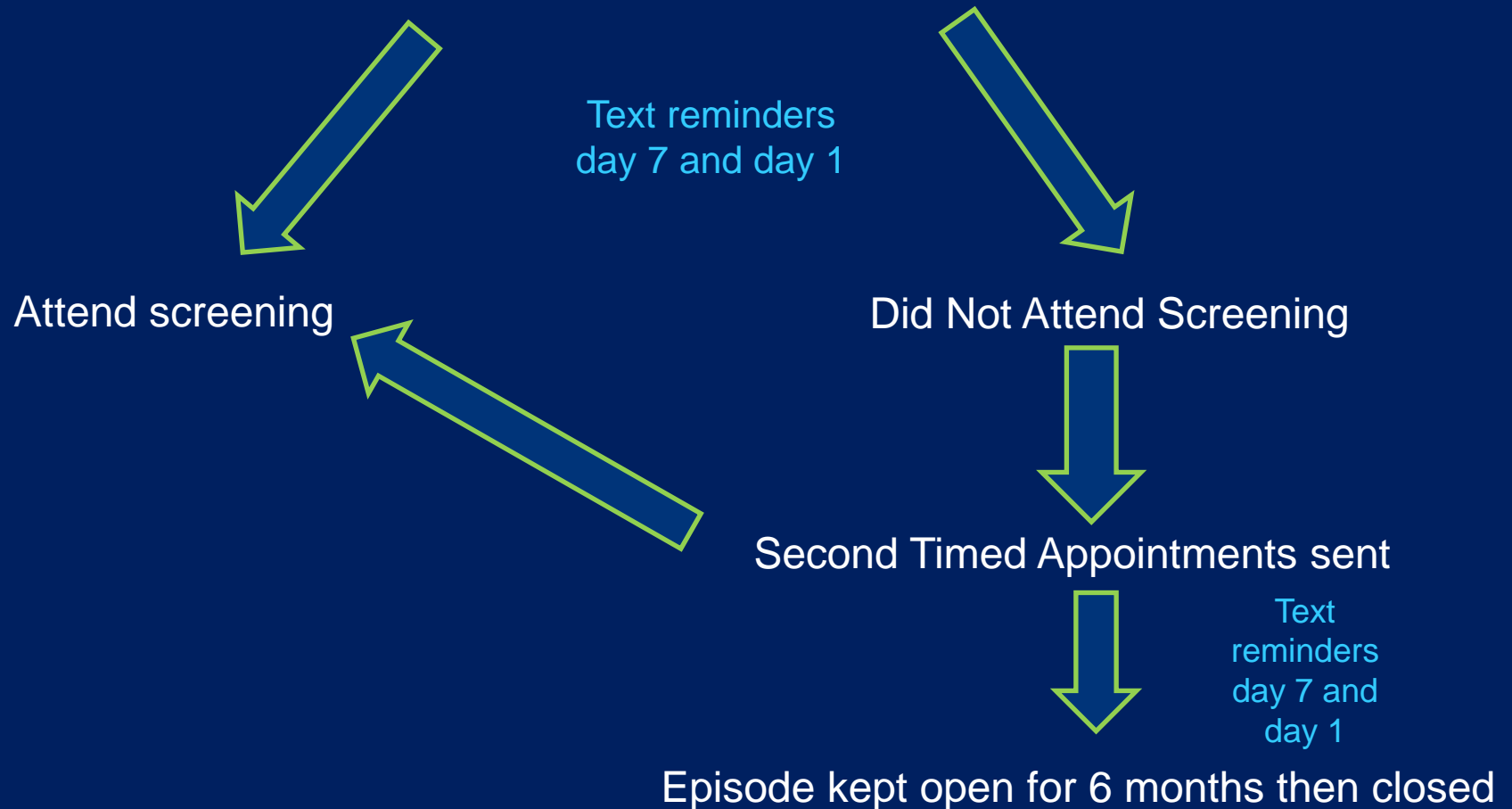
Restart - Mitigations

- ❖ **Open invitations**
- ❖ **No age X trial - Ceased permanently now**
- ❖ **No second timed appointments**
- ❖ **No self referral after last screen at 71 years old**

Invitations for Screening

Pre COVID Process:

First timed appointment to site close to home



New Process

Open Invitations –

- explaining due for screening,
- Helping you choose information leaflet
- Telephone number central London admin hub to book appointment.

New Process

Open Invitations –

Mrs Maxine Factor
1 The Street
Knowles End
Oxington
Oxon
OX27 1WS

EXAMPLE

Date as postmark
Ref: KAY000016
NHS No: 711 995 1734

Your GP practice supports breast screening

Dear Mrs Factor,

We would like to invite you for NHS breast screening, which is now due. Screening aims to find breast cancer early when successful treatment is more likely.

Please contact us on *insert phone number* or email us at *insert email address* to make an appointment

Booking as soon as possible will help us offer you the most convenient appointment we can. Some screening sites are not available all year round (such as mobile units).

Female staff will take your mammograms (breast X-rays). These only take a few minutes. The whole appointment takes no more than 30 minutes.

There is information about breast screening in the enclosed leaflet. If you have any questions, you can speak to your GP. More information about breast screening is available at www.nhs.uk/breast.


To help us plan your appointment, when you contact us please let us know if you:

- have a disability
- have problems with your mobility
- have breast implants
- are pregnant or breastfeeding
- are under the care of a breast consultant
- have had a mammogram in the last 6 months

Unfortunately, we cannot look after children or dependents while you are having your screening.

Yours sincerely,

Insert name
Director of Screening



New Process – risks

- Uptake will be lower - 22.8% vs 12.3 %

J Med Screen 1998;5:69-72

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Improving uptake in non-attenders of breast screening: selective use of second appointment

Melissa J Stead, Matthew G Wallis, Margot E Wheaton

- Episode closed after 4 weeks
 - but client can contact after this and an appointment will be made

New Process – risks

- Uptake and numbers screened will be lower (dramatically!)
- All ladies will have an opportunity to be screened
- Capacity needed to deliver this method is lower

- Less screen detected cancers
- More symptomatic cancers
- ? Larger
- ? Node positive

PPE and infection Control

Primary Screening

- Pre COVID screening questions via text
- Temperature checks at door (>38 °C)
- Enhanced cleans
- PPE – Uniforms, plastic aprons, surgical masks for both staff and clients, visors and disposable gloves

Assessment

- Longer appointments
- PPE – Scrubs, plastic aprons, surgical masks for both staff and clients, visors and disposable gloves
- VAB is NOT AGP so no need for full COVID PPE in unit

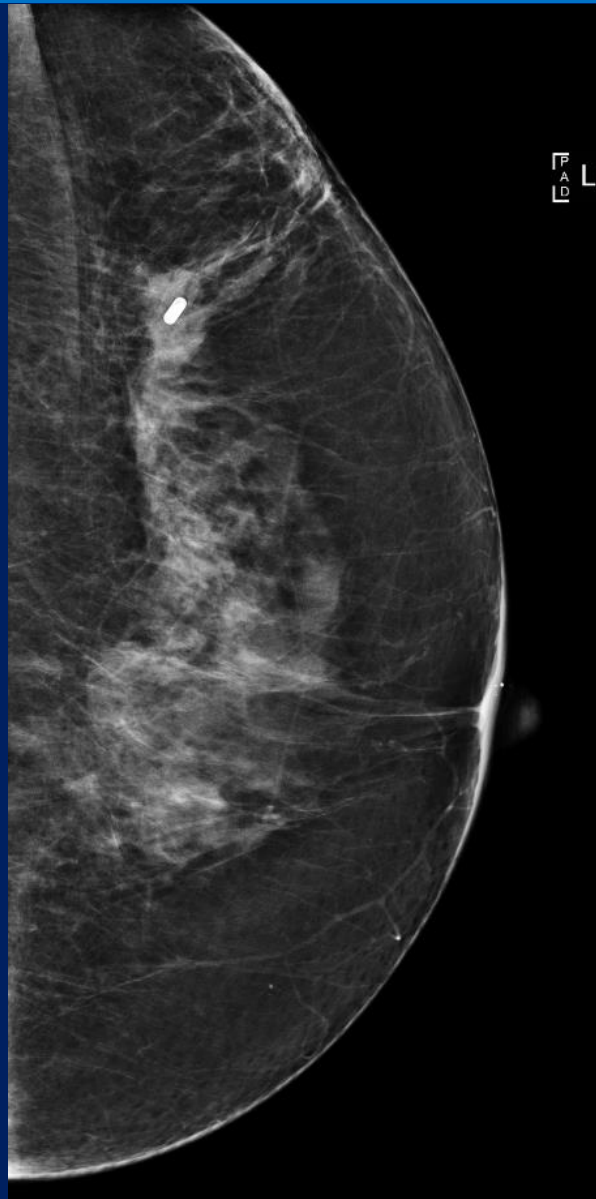
- Social Distancing vs room size
- TEAMS
- Remote reading for pathology and in the future for screen reading
- Network decision making

Pre operative

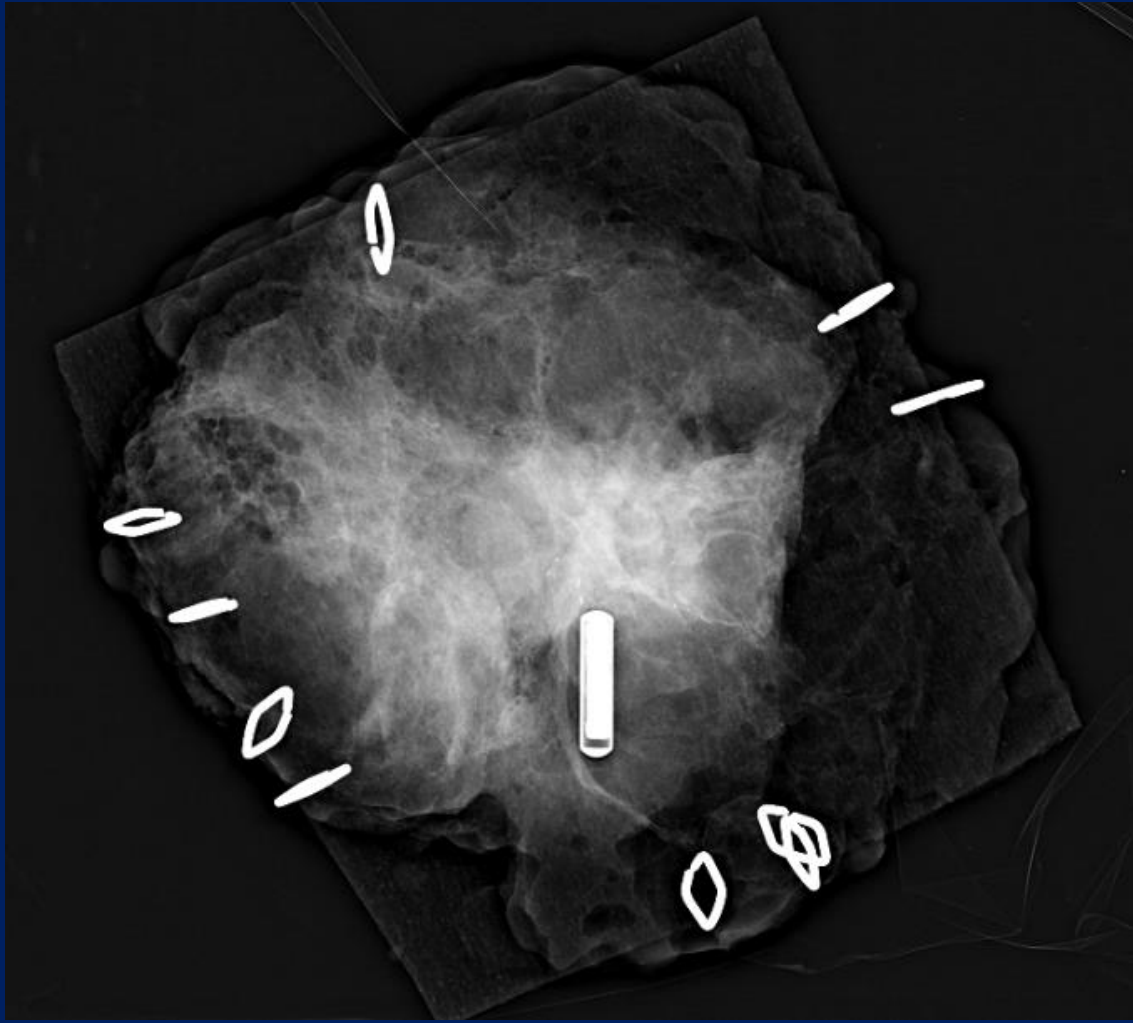
- Green/Gold pathways
- Day 1 – Swabbing and pre op markers e.g. Localiser, Saviscout, Magseed
- Day 1-3 isolation then surgery



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Future

- Catch up with increased invitations with the expected lower uptake
- Increased 2WW workload
- Use of pre op markers
- Virtual MDMs
- The need for digital diagnostics in line with ease of image (radiology and pathology) sharing and remote review.
- Protect an already at risk workforce
- Re-establish Public Confidence

Thank you