

Screening for Aortic Aneurysms

The NHS has introduced a screening programme for aortic aneurysms. An aortic aneurysm is where a weakened section of the aorta (a major blood vessel) bulges outward. If it ruptures it causes severing bleeding and may be fatal.

The 3 requirements are that:

- you are male (these aneurysms are much more common in men)
- over 65 years (more common over 65)
- your doctor's surgery postcode is in Greater Manchester.

The programme is being rolled out across the country. In the Greater Manchester area they are writing to men who pass the 65 year mark within the first year but **men aged 65 years can self-refer and older men need to self-refer.**

You just need to ring 0161-291-5716 to make an appointment. You will need your **NHS number**, which you can obtain from your GP surgery if you don't have it, and the **postcode of the surgery**. They will try to find a place for the scan that is close to you.

Nearby locations are the Shaw Heath Health Centre, the Abacus Children's Centre in Adswold and Brinnington Health Centre.

For further information click

<https://www.nhs.uk/services/service-directory/nhs-abdominal-aortic-aneurysm-screening-programme-manchester/N10876801?gsdServiceId=1910>