

Appendix 1 Sample of the client, technical and operational criteria

Eligible Client Criteria	Comment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Central location 	Capable of serving women in the city and surrounding county and town land areas
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A well known and easily identifiable location 	Where possible AA road signage for direction purposes is utilised
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accessible by public transportation 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Main access roads nearby 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No real or perceived physical barriers to access 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wheelchair accessible 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Car parking facilities nearby 	In some instances a parking fee may apply
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Careful balance between 'discretion of site' versus 'visibility of site' 	A hugely variable local factor requiring careful assessment of private and commercial activities in the immediate surrounding area
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toilet and refreshment facilities nearby 	There are no toilet or refreshment facilities on the mobile screening unit
Technical Criteria	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 'Three phase' electric power 	Most domestic households are single phase. Mobile units require a large and constant power supply. Three phase power allows for a more consistent and stable supply that allows the ICT and digital x-ray machines to run more efficiently and reliably without interruption. Portable generators are not preferred due to noise, vibrations and odours.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN line) 	All mobiles use digital mammography. ISDN allows the digital transmission of data i.e. the mammogram to each regional unit for reporting by Consultant Radiologists
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Solid foundation 	A mobile unit is over 40 ft long and weighs 12 tonnes. BreastCheck often has to arrange and pay for the necessary landscaping (paving/tarmac) to ensure a solid foundation.
Operational Criteria	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site is big enough to allow access by a 40ft articulated truck 	The site entrance needs to be able to allow the Mobile Unit and its tractor unit to safely negotiate the entrance to the site. There needs to be enough space at the exact Mobile Unit location to safely manoeuvre the Mobile into place and allow the tractor unit to exit once the final placing has been achieved.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site available for the entire screening round 	Each time a mobile unit is moved a minimum of 4 working days is required to allow for the removal and relocation of the unit, the connection of power, ISDN/DSL and subsequent quality assurance and technical testing by the IT and Physics departments. Full operation can only resume once this has been successfully completed. This 'downtime' has an adverse impact on the number of women who can be screened overall by BreastCheck and therefore must be minimised.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Economic impact on the site/landlord 	In many potential commercial sites the loss of space and parking facilities that results from the location of a mobile unit for an extended period is considered uneconomical and an inconvenience for the owners of the property.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cooperation/Support of landlord 	Often the full implications of hosting a mobile for the owners of the property are not fully realised until after a meeting with the Screening Unit.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Car parking/toilet and refreshment facilities	In addition to accommodating eligible clients, the needs of the radiographers also have to be accommodated as there are no toilet or refreshment facilities on the mobile screening units.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consideration of the risk of potential crime or vandalism	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Compliance with Health and Safety legislation	

