

## Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) Screening

Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms (AAAs) are a weakening in the aorta that can swell and rupture causing fatal internal bleeding. They usually don't have symptoms and are most common in men aged over 65.

AAA screening is a free NHS national programme that invites men in the year they turn 65, to attend a quick and painless 10 minute ultrasound scan.

Last year over **107** Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms (AAAs) were detected by the North East and North Cumbria AAA Screening Service.

However, over **470** men in North Cumbria did NOT attend their Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) screening appointment in 2021 -22. Don't be one of the men who miss out.

*If you receive your invitation DON'T ignore it. It could save your life!*

If you would like to change your appointment, call the screening service on: 0191 445 8747

For more information visit QE Gateshead Website: <https://www.qegateshead.nhs.uk/services/aaa/>

Watch our AAA Video: <https://fb.watch/7tORZvND2n/>