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All-female clinic opens to cater for sensitive subject

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AN all-female breast clinic has been launched in Sutton Coldfield.

The clinic, which is in Sutton Coldfield's Ashfurlong Medical Centre, has been adopted to meet a 'growing demand'.

A team of five women have formed the 'Birmingham Breast Clinic, and it is claimed they are the only all-female team currently offering such a service.

Consultant Plastic Surgeon Anne Dancey, one of the five women who have formed the clinic, said the five-woman team of friends could cover everything from preliminary investigations through to surgery and aftercare.

She says they have opened the clinic to meet an increasing demand for such a service.

She said: "Put simply, some women just feel more comfortable and at ease discussing their problems and medical needs with other women.

"We aren't trying to say



Ruth Walters and Anne Dancey, part of an all-women team who have opened a new specialist clinic in town.

ambience for women of all ages".

Ruth Walters is the second consultant plastic surgeon in the clinic which also includes Macmillan lymphoedema specialist Julie Cunneen, consultant anaesthetist Dr Meera Bryant and qualified micropigmentation practitioner Anne Keogh, who has been a nurse for over 35 years and now specialises in tattooing the nipple and areola area of newly-reconstructed breasts.

Patients seen at the Ashfurlong Medical Centre, which is located in Tamworth Road in Sutton Coldfield, will be directed to BMI Priory or BMI Edgbaston hospitals if further tests or treatment are necessary.

The clinic, which offers most types of reconstructing and aesthetic breast surgery, will also specialise in lymph node transfer surgery in the management of lymphoedema.



that women are better than men when it comes to breast surgery

but we have spotted an increase in demand for an all-female service which we think the Birmingham Breast Clinic can fulfil. To

my knowledge we are the only all-female team currently in the UK offering such a wide range of services.

"We are all friends who work very well together and I think the clinic will create the right kind of atmosphere and

