

Appeal for women to join global cancer study

BREAST cancer researchers in the North-east are hoping a new drug will stop the disease.

The scientists are looking for women aged 40 to 70 to take part in a project which aims to prevent the cancer.

Study participants are being asked to take one tablet a day –

which will either be a new hormone drug called anastrozole or a placebo – for five years.

There are 17 study centres around the world taking part in the project.

Dr Zosia Miedzybrodzka, an honorary consultant in clinical genetics at NHS Grampian and the University of

Aberdeen, said she hoped the project would provide a breakthrough in preventing breast cancer.

Dr Miedzybrodzka said: “The good news is that fewer women are dying from breast cancer.

“This is partly due to developments in treatment.

“We hope our study, with the help of volunteers from the North-east, will help to prevent breast cancer in future generations.”

Researchers are looking for women aged 40 to 70, who have had their menopause and have a family history of breast cancer.

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