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Dear Dr Cooper

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

We have received your request for information as detailed below:

Within your Trust, we would be grateful for the following information at your earliest convenience:

1. Do you conduct multi-parametric MRI (mpMRI) scans (using T2-weighted, diffusion-weighted and dynamically enhanced sequences) before prostate biopsies?

If no, it would be helpful to know what the main reasons are:

If yes, it would be helpful if you can provide an estimate of the percentage of men who receive an mpMRI scan before prostate biopsy:

2. How many scanners do you have available to use for mpMRI scans before prostate biopsy?

3. For each individual scanner used for mpMRI scans before prostate biopsy, please provide the following:

- Make*
- Model*
- Magnetic field strength*
- Age*
- When the scanner is due to be replaced*

4. How many mpMRI scans before prostate biopsy do you estimate you carry out per year?

- 0*
- Up to 50*
- 50 - 100*
- 100 – 250*
- 250 – 500*
- 500 – 750*
- 750 – 1000*
- More than 1000*



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5.i. Do you intend to increase the number of mpMRI scans before prostate biopsy following the first results from the large clinical trial PROMIS?

The ASCO 2016 abstract has shown mpMRI as a triage test can identify one quarter of men (27%) who might safely avoid unnecessary biopsy, without impairing the detection of clinically significant cancer (http://abstract.asco.org/176/AbstView_17...).

5.ii If yes, do you currently have sufficient resources and capacity to cope with this increase?

Your request was received on Thursday, 09 June 2016 and the Trust is managing it under the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am in the process of collating this information and hope to be in a position to respond to you shortly.

In some circumstances a fee may be payable and if that is the case you will be advised and a fees notice issued. You will be required to submit your remittance before the Trust is able to proceed with your request.

If you have any queries about this request, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely



Freedom of Information Act Officer

