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Dear Dr Cooper,

I am writing in response to your email dated 9th June 2016 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Multipara metric MRI usage.

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 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 you provide an estimate of the percentage of men who receive an mpMRI scan before prostate biopsy

A1 The Trust does perform mpMRI scans.
100% of men receive an mpMRI scan before prostate biopsy.

Q2 How many scanners do you have available to use for mpMRI scans before prostate biopsy?

A2 The Trust has five scanners available.

Q3 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

A3 County Hospital (Stafford):

Make	Model	Magnetic field strength	Age	Due for replacement
Siemens	Aera	1.5T	<12 months old	late 2022

Royal Stoke University Hospital:

Make	Model	Magnetic field strength	Age	Due for replacement
Siemens	Skyra	3T,	4.5 years	Jan 2019
Siemens	Skyra	3T	4.5 years. old	Jan 2019
Siemens	Aera	1.5T	4.5 years old	Feb 2019
Siemens	Aera	1.5T	5 months old	Jan 2023

Q4 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

A4 The Trust estimates that we carry out between 750 – 1000 per annum number of mpMRI scans before prostate biopsy.

Q5 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_176_163963.html)

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

The information you provide may be re-used publicly. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

A5 No

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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,



Helen Grocott
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