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Request for Information

Dear Miss Maloney,

I am writing regarding your request for information which we received via email on 17/09/2021. In that request you asked for information in relation to prostate cancer patients.

We are pleased to provide the following information in response to your specific questions.

1. Does your trust/ HB have access to PET-CT for the investigation of suspected biochemical recurrence in prostate cancer patients?

Not on site, but we refer patients elsewhere (please state the trust/HB patients are referred to, if possible: patients are referred to The Christie.

2. If you answered "No" to question 1. Would you use PET-CT for the investigation of suspected biochemical recurrence in prostate cancer patients if it were available?

Yes

3. In 2020-21, how many patients do you estimate were investigated for suspected biochemical recurrence of prostate cancer at your trust/ HB?

20

4. What percentage of patients with suspected biochemical recurrence do you estimate are referred for PET-CT at your trust/ HB?

5%

5. Of patients with suspected biochemical recurrence referred for PET-CT, what % of scans do you estimate use a PSMA tracer (either Ga-PSMA or F-PSMA)?

100%

6. Are there any exclusion criteria for referral for PET-CT for suspected biochemical recurrence of prostate cancer? If so, what are they? E.g. Upper and lower PSA limits, age, life expectancy, ECOG score.

No

7. What do you estimate is the average waiting time for the PET-CT scans for investigation of suspected biochemical recurrence of prostate cancer?

< 3 months

8. What do you estimate is the average time it takes to report PET-CT scans for investigation of suspected biochemical recurrence of prostate cancer?

<1/52

If you have any queries about our response, please let me know by writing to the above address.

Yours sincerely,

Laura Sillitoe

Freedom of Information and Information Governance Support Officer