

Freedom of Information Request – 5598

1. Did you suspend your MRI before biopsy service for patients with suspected prostate cancer as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. We did not offer MRI before biopsy before the pandemic
2. If yes, have you now resumed MRI before biopsy for patients with suspected prostate cancer?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. No, but we refer patients elsewhere (Please state the referral area:)
 - d. N/A
3. Do you currently use a pre-MRI clinical triage for patients with suspected prostate cancer? By pre-MRI clinical triage, we mean a process, often Clinical Nurse Specialist led, that determines patient suitability for MRI before biopsy
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
4. Has your radiology department introduced any new MRI exclusion criteria for patients with suspected prostate cancer as a result of COVID-19?
 - a. Yes (please specify:)
 - b. No
 - c. N/A
5. If yes, do you plan to maintain any of these exclusion criteria once restrictions to limit patients' COVID-19 risk are lifted?
 - a. Yes (please specify:)
 - b. No
 - c. N/A
6. Did you stop conducting biopsies for patients with suspected prostate cancer as a result of COVID-19 infection risks?
 - a. Yes – only stopped rectal biopsies
 - b. No – have swapped to transperineal biopsies for all
7. If yes, have you resumed biopsy services for patients with suspected prostate cancer?
 - a. Yes
 - b. Yes, but only for a subset of patients (please specify:)
 - c. No – will continue with transperineal biopsies
 - d. No, but we refer patients elsewhere for prostate biopsy (Please state the referral area:)
8. Do you offer transperineal biopsy under local anaesthetic?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. No, but we plan to in future (please specify when if possible:) in process of remodelling treatment rooms for this procedure and hope to start within 2/12.

9. Following an MRI scan for suspected prostate cancer, what criteria do you use to select patients for biopsy? Please include all that apply:
- Patients with a PI-RADS or Likert score of 1 or greater
 - Patients with a PI-RADS or Likert score of 2 or greater
 - Patients with a PI-RADS or Likert score of 3 or greater
 - Patients with a PI-RADS or Likert score of 3 or greater, but only if PI-RADS or Likert score 3 patients have other clinical indications (such as **age, ethnicity, PSA density**) that make them higher risk
 - Patients with a PI-RADS or Likert score of 4 or greater
 - We do not offer MRI before biopsy
 - We do not currently biopsy patients
10. Did you delay radiotherapy treatment for prostate cancer patients as a result of COVID-19?
- Yes
 - No
 - Partially (please specify:) – we did but are now gradually resuming normal service
 - N/A (please specify:)
11. If yes, have you cleared your backlog for prostate cancer radiotherapy treatment?
- Yes
 - No - nearly
 - N/A – We did not delay prostate cancer radiotherapy treatment
12. Did you delay radical prostatectomy for prostate cancer patients as a result of COVID-19?
- Yes
 - No
 - Partially (please specify:)
 - N/A (please specify:) All patients for surgery referred to another hospital for surgery
13. If yes, have you cleared your radical prostatectomy backlog?
- Yes
 - No
 - N/A – We did not delay radical prostatectomy for prostate cancer patients
14. To address your backlog did or are you using a protocol to risk stratify patients and prioritise patients with high-risk and locally advanced prostate cancer for treatment within 3 months?
- Yes
 - No
 - No, we did not have a sufficient backlog to require patient prioritisation – patients prioritised by consultants referred to surgeons at cancer centre or oncologists.
15. Does your protocol apply to new patients with high-risk and locally advanced prostate cancer with the intention to radically treat them within 3 months of diagnosis?
- Yes
 - No
 - N/A - We do not have a protocol for patient prioritisation – patients prioritised by consultants referred to surgeons at cancer centre or oncologists.
16. Do you have prostate cancer Personalised Stratified Follow Up (PSFU) protocols in place?

- a. **Yes**
 - b. **No**
 - c. *We are in the process of developing PSFU protocols*
17. **If Yes, do you have a digital remote monitoring system in place for follow up?**
- a. **Yes (Please specify the name of the system used: e.g My Medical Record, Patient Knows Best)**
 - b. *No*
18. **If no, do you plan to implement a digital remote monitoring system for follow up?**
- a. *Yes - (Please specify the name of the system you plan to implement: e.g My Medical Record, Patient Knows Best) – not names yet*
 - b. **No**
19. **Which of the following criteria are part of your follow up protocols? (please mark all that apply:) *When protocols are in place we plan to have all of the below.***
- a. **Patients have access to a Support Worker who acts as their key worker for the duration of their follow up care.**
 - b. **Patients have access to an online patient service that allows them to check test results, complete assessments, view patient information and message their clinical team.**
 - c. **Patients attend a 4-hour supported self-management workshop with a group of 8 to 10 men to develop knowledge, skills and confidence to self-manage their condition**
 - d. **Patients do not need to attend routine appointments unless an issue arises.**