

***Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000***

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 21 August 2019.

I am pleased to confirm the following.

1. **Do you routinely conduct prostate MRI (bpMRI/mpMRI) scans before first prostate biopsy as part of the initial diagnostic process? (please tick all that apply):**
  - a. Yes, using T2-weighted, diffusion-weighted (multi-b ADC and high/long b) and dynamic contrast enhanced (DCE) sequences
2. **If yes, to 1a: What percentage of men with suspected prostate cancer receive mpMRI before biopsy as part of the initial diagnostic process?**  
It should be all patients, barring those who aren't eligible/can't have MRI
3. **If yes, to 1b: What percentage of men with suspected prostate cancer receive bpMRI before biopsy as part of the initial diagnostic process?** N/A
4. **What are your eligibility criteria/exclusion criteria for prostate MRI? (please tick all that apply):**
  - a. **Age (please provide details)** - under 80 years of age
  - b. **Symptoms (please provide details)** - N/A
  - c. **Life expectancy (please provide details)** - Greater than 10 years
  - d. **Contra-indications (please provide details)** - As per MRI protocols
  - e. **Other (please provide details)** - Criteria as set out in the GP 2ww referral form
5. **Are you using results from the prostate MRI before biopsy to rule some men out of biopsy as part of the initial diagnostic process?** Yes - Not very often, mostly we do take patient choice into account
6. **Do you biopsy all PI-RADS or LIKERT 3 scores?**
  - a. Yes (Barring patient choice)

7. **What threshold do you mostly use for ruling men out of biopsy?**  
N/A – All offered. Unless patient choice to not have or unfit
8. **What percentage of men do you estimate are ruled out of biopsy?**  
Estimate approx. 15%
9. **Have there been any changes to your prostate MRI capacity in the last year? (please choose all that apply):**
  - a. An additional or new MRI scanner **No**
  - b. Increased MRI scanner slots for prostate **No**
  - c. Agreement to use Dynamic Contrast Enhancement **No**
  - d. No longer using Dynamic Contrast Enhancement **No**
  - e. A scanner/magnet upgrade **No**
  - f. other (free text) **No**
10. **Has the number of radiologists at your trust/health board who report prostate MRI scans changed in the last year?**
  - c. Stayed the same
11. **How many radiologists at your trust/health board report at least 250 prostate MRI scans per year?** Two
12. **Which of the following processes do you follow to manage men ruled out of an immediate biopsy, but with a raised PSA?**
  - a. NICE Guidelines: prostate cancer diagnosis and management (NG131)

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Yours sincerely,

Freedom Of Information Department  
For and on behalf of Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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