

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: UHB 18-121**

Date 31 May 2018

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trusts response is as follows:

- 1. Please tell us which Trust, Health Board or Health and Social Care Trust you are responding on behalf of?**  
University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust
- 2. Do you conduct multi-parametric MRI (mpMRI) scans before first prostate biopsy as part of the initial diagnostic process?**  
No. Urology services are based at North Bristol and initial diagnostic process for prostate cancer is not undertaken at our organisation.
- 3. Do you refer men to another Trust/centre for mpMRI before biopsy?**  
Not applicable. Urology services are based at North Bristol and initial diagnostic process for prostate cancer is not undertaken at our organisation.
- 4. What are your eligibility criteria/exclusion criteria for men to receive pre-biopsy mpMRI?**  
Not applicable.
- 5. What percentage of eligible men receive an mpMRI scan before biopsy as part of the initial diagnostic process?**  
Not applicable.
- 6. Has the percentage of eligible men receiving an mpMRI scan before biopsy increased in the last year?**  
Not applicable.
- 7. Are you using mpMRI before biopsy to rule some men out of a biopsy as part of the initial diagnostic process?**  
Not applicable.
- 8. What percentage of men are ruled out of a biopsy?**  
Not applicable.

**9. What mpMRI scores and/or other clinical factors are used to rule men out of biopsy?**

Not applicable.

**10. Do you intend to rule some men out of a biopsy in future?**

Not applicable.

**11. Do you carry out targeted biopsies in men with mpMRI lesions in addition to systematic biopsies?**

Not applicable.

**12. In the last year, have you been successful in securing funding or new resources to provide or increase the use of mpMRI before biopsy?**

Not applicable.

**13. Which of the following, if any, would help you adopt the use of mpMRI before biopsy?**

- **An additional or new MRI scanner**
- **Increased MRI scanner availability**
- **Reduced mpMRI scan time**
- **Agreement to use Dynamic Contract Enhancement**
- **A scanner/magnet upgrade**
- **Support with scanner optimisation**
- **Increased staffing levels**
- **Additional training for radiologists**
- **Other**

Not applicable: Urology services are based at North Bristol and initial diagnostic process for prostate cancer is not undertaken at our organisation.

**14. Which of the following, if any, would help you further increase the use of mpMRI before biopsy?**

- **An additional or new MRI scanner**
- **Increased MRI scanner availability**
- **Reduced mpMRI scan time**
- **Agreement to use Dynamic Contract Enhancement**
- **A scanner/magnet upgrade**
- **Support with scanner optimisation**
- **Increased staffing levels**
- **Additional training for radiologists**
- **Other**

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This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Trust Secretary  
University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust  
Trust Headquarters  
Marlborough Street  
Bristol  
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely,

**FOI Administrator**