

Freedom of Information request 99-18

Request & Response

1. Please tell us which Trust, Health Board or Health and Social Care Trust you are responding on behalf of?

NHS Borders

2. Do you conduct multi-parametric MRI (mpMRI) scans before first prostate biopsy as part of the initial diagnostic process?

Yes, using T2-weighted, diffusion-weighted (multi-b ADC and high/long b) and dynamic contrast.

This is not routinely done at present unless requested by the patient.

3. Do you refer men to another Trust/centre for mpMRI before biopsy?

No

4. What are your eligibility criteria/exclusion criteria for men to receive pre-biopsy mpMRI?

On request and for men with a rising PSA

5. What percentage of eligible men receive an mpMRI scan before biopsy as part of the initial diagnostic process?

Very few, only on those who have requested an MRI

6. Has the percentage of eligible men receiving an mpMRI scan before biopsy increased in the last year?

Yes

If Yes, how much would you estimate it has increased by? 5%

7. Are you using mpMRI before biopsy to rule some men out of a biopsy as part of the initial diagnostic process?

Yes

What percentage of men are ruled out of a biopsy? 5%

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

NHS Borders do not hold data on scores, this is not used.

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

Yes, eventually.

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

No – systematic only

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

No

12. 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
- Increased staffing levels

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

- An additional or new MRI scanner
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