

Freedom of Information request 410-19

Request & Response

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?

100%
3. If yes, to 1b: What percentage of men with suspected prostate cancer receive bpMRI before biopsy as part of the initial diagnostic process?

Not applicable.
4. What are your eligibility criteria/exclusion criteria for prostate MRI? (please tick all that apply):
 - a. Age (please provide details)
Any man with 2x raised PSAs is eligible. Over 75 patients are assessed to correlate with other medical co-morbidity
 - c. Life expectancy (please provide details)
Arbitrarily 10 years but if significant medical co-morbidity then this would be assessed on a case by case basis.
 - d. Contra-indications (please provide details)
Standard contraindications to MRI
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
6. Do you biopsy all PI-RADS or LIKERT 3 scores?

b. No
7. What threshold do you mostly use for ruling men out of biopsy?
 - f. Varies depending on other factors (Please provide detail) -
At present all MRIs are reviewed in MDM and a decision is made regarding biopsy. There is a mixture of Pirads and Likert reporting
8. What percentage of men do you estimate are ruled out of biopsy?

At least 30%

9. Have there been any changes to your prostate MRI capacity in the last year?
(please choose all that apply):

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?

None, but all MRIs are currently independently reviewed in a tertiary centre

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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