

## Freedom of Information request 468-23

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### Request

I am submitting a Freedom of Information request for information related to diagnostic tests and scans, treatments and support services offered to prostate cancer patients by your Health Board.

Could you please confirm whether the following services (listed below and on the attached spreadsheet) are currently offered to prostate cancer patients by hospitals in your locality?

Service	Service type
<b>DIAGNOSTICS</b>	multiparametric MRI
	Transperineal Biopsy under local anaesthetic
	Transperineal Biopsy under General anaesthetic
	Transrectal ultrasound (TRUS) biopsy
	Choline PET
	Whole body MRI
	Isotope bone scan
	PMSA PET Scan
	One Stop Diagnostic Clinic
	<b>TREATMENTS</b>
Robotic assisted laparoscopic Prostatectomy	
External beam radiotherapy (EBRT)	
Low-dose rate brachytherapy	
High-dose rate brachytherapy	
Stereotactic body radiation therapy (SBRT)	
Chemotherapy	
Joint Specialist MDT clinic	
HIFU	
<b>SUPPORT SERVICES</b>	
	Prostate cancer-specific CNSs
	Advanced PCa CNS
	Urology CNS
	Sexual Function Services
	Specialist Continence Services
	Psychological Counselling
	Onco-geriatric service
	Genetic Counselling



## Response

The services offered the NHS Borders Prostate Cancer patients are:

Service	Service type	Is available for prostate cancer patients in Health Board (Yes/ No)
<b>DIAGNOSTICS</b>	Multiparametric MRI	Yes (Local)
	Transperineal Biopsy under local anaesthetic	Yes (Regional)
	Transperineal Biopsy under General anaesthetic	Yes (Regional)
	Transrectal ultrasound (TRUS) biopsy	Yes (Local)
	Choline PET	Yes (Regional)
	Whole body MRI	Yes (Local)
	Isotope bone scan	Yes (Local)
	PMSA PET Scan	Yes (Regional)
	One Stop Diagnostic Clinic	No
<b>TREATMENTS</b>	Radical Prostatectomy	Yes (Regional)
	Robotic assisted laparoscopic Prostatectomy	Yes (Regional)
	External beam radiotherapy (EBRT)	Yes (Regional)
	Low-dose rate brachytherapy	Yes (Regional)
	High-dose rate brachytherapy	Yes (Regional)
	Stereotactic body radiation therapy (SBRT)	No
	Chemotherapy	Yes (Regional)
	Joint Specialist MDT clinic	Yes (Regional)
	HIFU	No
<b>SUPPORT SERVICES</b>	Clinical nurse specialist (CNS) in all clinics	No
	Prostate cancer-specific CNSs	No
	Advanced PCa CNS	Yes (Local)
	Urology CNS	Yes (Local)
	Sexual Function Services	Yes (Local)
	Specialist Continence Services	Yes (Local)
	Psychological Counselling	Yes (Local)
	Onco-geriatric service	No
	Genetic Counselling	No



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If you are not satisfied with the way your request has been handled or the decision given, you may ask NHS Borders to review its actions and the decision. If you would like to request a review please apply in writing to, Freedom of Information Review, NHS Borders, Room 2EC3, Education Centre, Borders General Hospital, Melrose, TD6 9BS or [foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk).

The request for a review should include your name and address for correspondence, the request for information to which the request relates and the issue which you wish to be reviewed. Please state the reference number **468-23** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

If following this review, you remain dissatisfied with the outcome, you may appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner and request an investigation of your complaint. Your request to the Scottish Information Commissioner should be in writing (or other permanent form), stating your name and an address for correspondence. You should provide the details of the request and your reasons for dissatisfaction with both the original response by NHS Borders and your reasons for dissatisfaction with the outcome of the internal review. Your application for an investigation by the Scottish Information Commissioner must be made within six months of your receipt of the response with which you are dissatisfied. The address for the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner is, Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife.