

FoI request re: Access to PET-CT for prostate cancer

Ref: 21-TM-1510

Thank you for your request for information relating to the access to PET-CT for prostate cancer.

Please find our responses below:

Request 1:

Does your trust/ HB have access to PET-CT for the investigation of suspected biochemical recurrence in prostate cancer patients?

- a. Yes
- b. Not on site, but we refer patients elsewhere (please state the trust/HB patients are referred to, if possible:) Royal Free Hospital
- c. No

Request 2:

If you answered "No" to question 1. Would you use PET-CT for the investigation of suspected biochemical recurrence in prostate cancer patients if it were available?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. N/A - We already have access to PET-CT.

Request 3:

In 2020-21, how many patients do you estimate were investigated for suspected biochemical recurrence of prostate cancer at your trust/ HB?

15-20 patients

Request 4:

What percentage of patients with suspected biochemical recurrence do you estimate are referred for PET-CT at your trust/ HB?

75%

Request 5:

Of patients with suspected biochemical recurrence referred for PET-CT, what % of scans do you estimate use a PSMA tracer (either Ga-PSMA or F-PSMA)?

100%

Request 6:

Are there any exclusion criteria for referral for PET-CT for suspected biochemical recurrence of prostate cancer?

If so, what are they? E.g. Upper and lower PSA limits, age, life expectancy, ECOG score.

No formal criteria exist.

Request 7:

What do you estimate is the average waiting time for the PET-CT scans for investigation of suspected biochemical recurrence of prostate cancer?

Approximately 2 weeks

Request 8:

What do you estimate is the average time it takes to report PET-CT scans for investigation of suspected biochemical recurrence of prostate cancer?

Available within 48hours of scan.

I hope you find this information useful. Please quote the above reference in any further communication on this matter.

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If you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me by email or at the address shown below.

Yours sincerely

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