

Ref. No: FOI2553
Date: 06/05/2026
Subject: Prostate Specific Antigen

REQUEST & RESPONSE

- Do you have a Urology department who see suspected prostate cancer patients referred from the community?
 - **Yes**
- What criteria are used to triage (Accept or Reject) referrals from the community, for patients with suspected prostate cancer, including Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) thresholds and Digital Rectal Examination (DRE) for asymptomatic patients? Please include specific PSA levels used as well as any other criteria
 - **PSA Threshold (micrograms/litre): Below 40 Use clinical judgement, 40 to 49 More than 2.5, 50 to 59 More than 3.5, 60 to 69 More than 4.5, 70 to 79 More than 6.5. Above 79 Use clinical judgement.**
 - **Performance status.**
 - **10 year mortality score.**
 - **IPSS.**
 - **DRE.**
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 - **DRE abnormal or normal or free text**
- 4. How does your service define symptomatic and asymptomatic for suspected prostate cancer referrals?
 - **Bony pain, lower urinary tract symptoms**
- 5. Do you apply different thresholds or criteria for higher-risk groups (e.g. Black men, men with family history)?
 - **No**
- 6. For the calendar year 2025:

a) How many patients were referred on the suspected prostate cancer pathway?

For MWL there were 1,382 referred on the suspected prostate cancer pathway

b) Of these, how many were classified by the referrer (or by your triage) as asymptomatic?

We do not categorise patients on triage as symptomatic or asymptomatic at triage level; instead, we follow a standard pathway assessment process based on NICE Guidance NICE guidance NG12 SECTION 1.6.

c) How many were classified as symptomatic?

We do not maintain a formal classification of patients as symptomatic or asymptomatic at triage level, rather follow standard pathway based on NICE guidance NG12 SECTION 1.6.

7. For the same period, how many referred patients had their 2WW referral rejected? Please break this down, if possible, by:

a) Asymptomatic vs symptomatic

b) Rejected primarily due to PSA level below threshold

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8. Please provide a copy of your suspected prostate cancer referral form for both asymptomatic and symptomatic patients?

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