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Dear

**INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**

We are now pleased to respond to your request for information under the FOI Act.

You asked

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

[Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust.](#)

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

*Please indicate with a X*

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

Yes, using T2-weighted, diffusion-weighted (multi-b ADC and high/long b) sequences but not DCE

No this is not currently recommended by greater Manchester cancer network

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

*Please indicate with a X*

Yes  
 No

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

We don't have a formal criteria, decision for pre-biopsy mpMRI is a clinician's decision following a discussion with the patient.

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

Very few as it's not in our local cancer network protocol

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

Please indicate with a X

Yes  
 No

If Yes, how much would you estimate it has increased by? \_\_\_\_\_

Cannot say as no definite data about it

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

Please indicate with a X

Yes  
 No

What percentage of men are ruled out of a biopsy? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please indicate with a X

PIRADS

LIKERT

PSAD

OTHER - Clinical decision and shared agreement with patients.

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

Not till nationally/ network agreed protocol.

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

Please indicate with a X

Yes – cognitive/visual estimation - but this is usually only the case for 2nd biopsy procedures.

Yes – image-fusion

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?**

Please indicate with a X

Yes

No

**If Yes please provide further information (e.g where from and for what)**

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12. **Which of the following, if any, would help you adopt the use of mpMRI before biopsy?**

Please indicate with a X

An additional or new MRI scanner

Increased MRI scanner availability

Reduced mpMRI scan time

Agreement to use Dynamic Contrast Enhancement

A scanner/magnet upgrade

Support with scanner optimisation

Increased staffing levels

Additional training for radiologists

Other

**If you ticked 'Reduced mpMRI scan time' please estimate current scan time**

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

Please indicate with a X

- An additional or new MRI scanner
- Increased MRI scanner availability
- Reduced mpMRI scan time
- Agreement to use Dynamic Contrast Enhancement
- A scanner/magnet upgrade
- Support with scanner optimisation
- Increased staffing levels
- Additional training for radiologists
- Other

**If you ticked 'Reduced mpMRI scan time' please estimate current scan time**

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I trust that this information is helpful to you, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 488271. If we do not hear from you within 28 days we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Andrew Foster  
Chief Executive

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