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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000 - Request for Information Reference: Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) testing and Prostate cancer Diagnosis 2021 -2026

I am writing in response to your request for information under the FOI 2000.

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold some of the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below. please accept our sincere apologies for the delay.

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FOI Request / Question	Question Response	Is there an exemption?	Exemption	Exemption Details
For the calendar years: 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026 to date, Where held, please break each figure down by age band (18 to 25, 26 to 34, 35 to 44, 45 to 54, 55 to 64, 65 to 74, and 75 and over), by ethnicity, and by index of multiple deprivation decile.	Sherwood Forest Hospitals is a Secondary Care Provider. Information not held – Please direct your question to primary care. Under Section 16 of the Act we have a duty to provide advice and assistance. Please contact NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB nnicb-nn.foi@nhs.net who may hold this information.			
1. The number of PSA tests requested in primary care in each year, broken down by age band and by region.				
2. The number and percentage of prostate cancer diagnoses at each stage, one to four, in each year, by region.	Information not held – Please direct your question to primary care. Under Section 16 of the Act we have a duty to provide advice and assistance. Please contact NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB nnicb-nn.foi@nhs.net who may hold this information.			
3. The number of prostate cancers first identified through an emergency presentation, for example via A&E, in each year.	Information not held – cannot be identified reliably in our datasets.			
4. The number of men diagnosed with prostate cancer through the urgent suspected cancer referral route in each	Information for Sherwood Forest Hospitals 2021: 204 Diagnoses 2022: 286 Diagnoses			

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year.	2023: 262 Diagnoses 2024: 253 Diagnoses 2025: 266 Diagnoses 2026: 162 Diagnoses																			
5. The average treatment cost per patient for prostate cancer, broken down by stage at diagnosis, for each year where this is held.	Information not held.																			
6. The total annual NHS spend on prostate cancer treatment in each year.	Information not held.																			
7. The number of radical prostatectomies, including robot assisted procedures, and the number of radical radiotherapy courses carried out in each year, with the unit cost or tariff applied to each where held.	Information not held, Under Section 16 of the Act we have a duty to provide advice and assistance. Please contact Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust nuhnt.dutyin@nhs.net who may hold this information.																			
8. The median and 90th percentile number of days from GP referral to first urology outpatient appointment, in each year, by trust or region for:	Information for Sherwood Forest Hospitals only. Please note we cannot identify prostate only referrals, these figures include GP USCR referrals to Urology <table><tr><th>Year</th><th>Records</th><th>Median days</th><th>90th percentile days</th></tr><tr><td>2021</td><td>197</td><td>55.0</td><td>111.8</td></tr><tr><td>2022</td><td>269</td><td>64.0</td><td>153.0</td></tr><tr><td>2023</td><td>253</td><td>50.0</td><td>130.6</td></tr></table>	Year	Records	Median days	90th percentile days	2021	197	55.0	111.8	2022	269	64.0	153.0	2023	253	50.0	130.6			
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	2024	233	50.0	94.4			
	2025	253	54.0	102.8			
	2026 YTD	150	58.5	111.2			
9. The median number of days from first GP appointment to prostate MRI, and from MRI to biopsy, in each year.	Information not held – Please direct your question to primary care. Under Section 16 of the Act we have a duty to provide advice and assistance. Please contact NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB nnicb-nn.foi@nhs.net who may hold this information.						
10. The number of men breaching the 28-day faster diagnosis standard, and the number breaching the 62-day referral to treatment standard, for suspected prostate cancer in each year.	Information not held – We are unable to separate out prostate from urology.						

I trust this information answers your request. Should you have any further enquiries or queries about this response please do not hesitate to contact me. However, if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Sally Brook Shanahan, Director of Corporate Affairs, King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield Road, Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 4JL or email sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office, who will consider whether we have complied with our obligations under the Act and can require us to remedy any problems. Generally, the Information Commissioner's Office cannot decide unless you have exhausted the internal review procedure. You can find out more about how to do this, and about the Act in general, on the Information Commissioner's Office website at: <https://ico.org.uk/your-data-matters/official-information/>.

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Yours faithfully

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