



12 December 2024

Our Ref: FOI / 328

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in relation to Active Surveillance for Men Diagnosed with
Prostate Cancer**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for information relating to above which you requested on 4 November 2024. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to your request. Thank you for your understanding and forbearance.

A response to the question raised has been provided by the Unscheduled Care, Medicine & Cancer Services Directorate and is attached in Appendix A.

If you are unhappy as to how this request has been handled, you have the right to seek a review within the Trust in the first instance. You should write to the Information Governance Department, Lough House, Ards Community Hospital (informationgovernance@setrust.hscni.net) within two months of the date of this response and your complaint will be considered and a response provided, within 20 working days of receipt.

If, after receiving a response, you remain unhappy, you can refer your complaint to the Information Commissioner at The Information Commissioner's Office –Northern Ireland, 3rd Floor, 14 Cromac Place, Belfast, BT7 2JB. It is important to note that if you refer any matter to the Information Commissioner, you will need to show evidence of having gone through the Trust's internal review procedure to try to resolve the matter with the Trust in the first instance.

If you have any queries about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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Information Governance Officer

Q1. Please could you give us current information in relation to how prostate cancer patients are managed when they are eligible for active surveillance/monitoring. Including:

- ***Inclusion criteria***
- ***Diagnosis and treatment decision support***
- ***Follow-up pathways and protocols***
- ***Follow-up testing frequencies***
- ***Triggers for stopping active surveillance***

A1. The Trust has developed local guidelines for managing prostate cancer patients, which were developed using the National Institute for Health & Care Excellence (NICE) Guidance (NG131), BAUS (2014) Guidelines for nurse-led assessment and follow up of men with stable prostate cancer British Association for Urological Nurses, European Association of Urologists (Feb, 2015) Guidelines on Prostate Cancer and Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC): The Code: Standards of conduct, performance and ethics for nurses and midwives (2015). This policy includes the management of patients eligible for active surveillance.