

P-05-849 All men in Wales should have access through the NHS to the best possible diagnostic tests for prostate cancer, Correspondence – Petitioner to Chair, 31.07.19

Thanks for that, I am disappointed in the response, the Minister in September 2018? made a promise that £12 million was to be provided for infrastructure etc to provide these facilities. Nothing seems to be happening. Men are contacting me with fears of not being able to access these scans in North Wales, that they are still paying for them!!!! and then chasing up the Betsi for refunds.

We made the point at our meeting with Mark Polin and Gill Harris that the Betsi could buy in these services from the private sector for £350 ish and yet we see men paying £900 ish and then reclaiming this from the Betsi. How stupid is this? If they did what I suggested, the private sector could provide an interim service at a third of the cost if the Betsi would only do this directly!

I will forward a couple of emails in a minute detailing the stupidity that is going on at the moment.

Stuart