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Dear Janet,

Re: Petition P-05-849 All men in Wales should have access through the NHS to the best possible diagnostic tests for prostate cancer

Thank you for your correspondence dated 22 October 2019.

Pre-biopsy Multiparametric MRI (mpMRI) is NICE guidance and Macmillan Cancer Support fully expects this to be the standard of care for eligible patients with suspected prostate cancer in Wales. We have recently been made aware that Betsi Cadwalladr University Health Board has established pre-biopsy mpMRI as part of the pathway and started accepting referrals. I believe this change came into effect on 31 October 2019.

To the best of our understanding, all Health Boards in Wales - with the exception of Powys Teaching Health Board, which refers out of area – are now providing pre-biopsy mpMRI as standard.

The next challenge is to ensure all health boards can sustainably provide the service with the additional numbers of patients. Macmillan will be monitoring the developments closely and we hope this provides a higher standard of care for people suspected of having prostate cancer.

Yours sincerely,



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