

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 Committee, 28.01.20

Please see the email trail below. In my opinion the Betsi is playing games! When asked about the rollout of Mp MRI scanning they talk about MRI scanning as a whole. Mp MRI scans are a different ball game and as such should be reported separately. Typical corporate spin and again, in my opinion, gives the impression that they are trying to cover up the facts!

Could we ask them to separate the figures and report them to us as is?

A second issue is raising its head. We now have in place a diagnostic tool but the action to address the illness is being compromised. The surgeons in North Wales want a Da Vinci robot to operate on patients. Allegedly doctors are being deterred from coming to North Wales because we don't have the cutting edge tack here (emails to follow) The Welsh Government is allegedly dragging its heels. The only one I can find in Wales is guess where? Cardiff! Hohum, the North South divide rearing its ugly head again? Why is this so? Is it a coincidence, similar to the Mp MRI scanner issue, that the Cab Secs patch is provided with these facilities and yet we have had to fight for scans in the rest of Wales and now need to fight for a Da Vinci robot for the rest of Wales?

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Subject: mp-MRI activity data

Dear both

Apologies for the lateness of sending these data, received this week due to annual leave of the Head of Systems & Information Management for radiology.

The table below shows the number of prostate MRI scans undertaken on each site for the last 4 calendar years. For 2019, monthly totals are shown. There was a bit of a quirk in YGC in November because there were no/few referrals in the first week and then a flurry in the last part of the month that didn't get scanned in November, so the number of attendances is unusually low.

In terms of total referrals we'd estimated that we'd see approx. 1200 referrals per year across the three sites. The change in criteria was made last year; looking at the figures for November/December it looks like it could be closer to 1600 referrals overall. There is some suggestion that there are increasing numbers particularly in YGC but we are investigating as there may be coding issues.

I hope this is helpful – please let me know if you need anything else.

Regards

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	2016	2017	2018	2019												
Site				Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	2019 Total
Bangor																
Referrals	156	170	342	47	39	23	36	15	36	49	26	31	18	49	41	410
Attendances	147	171	316	36	31	32	32	35	21	36	38	36	22	35	41	395
Glan Clwyd																
Referrals	232	186	241	24	26	30	25	42	20	14	30	14	15	25	21	286
Attendances	221	170	224	26	23	19	30	26	26	24	18	24	20	7	22	265
Wrexham																
Referrals	239	250	340	26	30	26	24	23	27	23	30	20	32	70	56	387
Attendances	237	233	342	26	23	40	13	22	32	25	25	24	23	23	41	317