



To: Bradford, Airedale, Wharfedale & Craven GPs & Practice Managers

29th November 2024

Dear colleagues

We have been in discussions with Mr John Bolton, Consultant Urologist, regarding men who have been referred due to a high PSA and whose prostate biopsy and MRI are both negative.

The letters from the urology clinical nurse specialists often say 'patient discharged, please check PSA annually and refer back if above XX'.

Mr Bolton and the urology department have confirmed that these men do not need regular PSA follow up in primary care and men with an increased risk of prostate cancer (Afro Caribbean men, men with a strong FH of prostate cancer and men with a high PSA density) will have their PSA & follow up arranged by the urology department and remain under their care.

The urology department have reviewed their set of standard letters so requests for annual PSAs to be performed by general practice should not be made.

We may continue to receive letters with a patient specific PSA in and this should be used when considering re-referral if patients have a repeat PSA at some point because their symptoms have changed or for another reason. The urology department are not advocating anything other than the usual care a GP would normally provide.

If you receive any requests for repeat or annual PSAs on this group of patients, please send a copy of the redacted letter to me via YORLMC at info@yorlmcltd.co.uk

Many thanks

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Steve Patterson'.

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