



## Transforming Cancer Services Team for London (TCST)



### Urology

### Suspected Cancer Referrals

### September 2020

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- Patients should continue to be referred onto the 2WW pathway for suspected prostate cancer using the pre-COVID referral criteria. These standards have not changed.
- Within secondary care, Diagnostic clinics and MRI services have been restored and able to manage patients referred with an elevated age-specific PSA.
- It is recommended that PSA test counselling with men presenting symptoms suggestive of prostate cancer take place on the phone/video and include the balance of risks of attending the surgery for a test during the pandemic. If a patient is suspected to have Covid-19 the test can be booked after a period of self-isolation (as per NHSE guidance).
- We know that patients' help seeking behaviours have changed as a result of the pandemic and DNA rates for diagnostic tests remain high. There are a range of resources including leaflets that explain the safety procedures in place at hospitals to keep patients safe when they attend. These can be printed out or emailed to patients to support them to attend when you refer them.

Patient information leaflets are available online here:

<https://www.healthylondon.org/resource/covid-19-cancer-referral-resources/>

Pan London Suspected Cancer Referral Guide for Urology is available online here:

[https://myhealth.london.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Pan-London-Suspected-Cancer-Referral-Guide-Urology\\_0.pdf](https://myhealth.london.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Pan-London-Suspected-Cancer-Referral-Guide-Urology_0.pdf)