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Subject: Psychological support is offered to men living with prostate cancer

REQUEST & RESPONSE

The emotional and psychological impact of living with and beyond a cancer diagnosis is now well- recognised and has consequences, not only in terms of quality of life but also in overall healthcare outcomes and costs.

In line with the Freedom of Information Act (2000) Tackle Prostate Cancer and The Red Sock Campaign (supported by Wicked Minds healthcare consultancy) would like to understand what specific psychological support is offered to men living with prostate cancer through your organisation. We would therefore be grateful if you could respond to the following questions:

1. How many prostate cancer patients (new and existing) were registered within your Trust/hospitals between 1st April 2017 – 31st March 2018?
 - a. Of those how many **were offered** specialist psychological support services in the last 12 months (1st April 2017- 31st March 2018)?
 - b. Of those how many **were referred** to specialist psychological support services in the last 12 months (1st April 2017- 31st March 2018)?

Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act St Helens & Knowsley Teaching Hospitals Trust does not have to comply with a request if we estimate that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the appropriate limit of £450. The appropriate limit has been specified in regulations. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 2½ working days in answering the remainder of your questions. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Department is not obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing this element of your request further.

2. Do you offer psychological support services for families and or carers?
We have a Cancer Counselling and Psychological medicine Service within the Trust.
- 3.

- a. If yes, how is this service offered? (e.g. everyone is proactively offered a referral as standard of care, or do families/carers request access to psychological support reactively)
- 4. **Families and carers can access these services by request or if a need is identified through the assessment of patients' holistic needs. Carers groups attend our Health and Well Being events and can access services through thee interactions .**
- 5. **Our Cancer Support worker attends a prostate support group.**
- 6.
 - a. What proportion of families/carers were referred to psychological support services in the last 12 months (1st April 2017- 31st March 2018)?

we do not record this information in the Trust

- 3. Do men have access to other psychological support services beyond active treatment (i.e. those that are under active surveillance and living beyond cancer)? **Yes**
- 4. Who provides other psychological support service for your prostate cancer patients? choose from below:
 - a. NHS commissioned mental health service (funded by CCG/NHS England or Trust)
 - b. National charitable organisation (e.g. Macmillan, Prostate Cancer UK)
 - c. Local support group (volunteer-led)
 - d. Hospice
 - e. Other (please specify)

ALL OF THESE PROVIDE PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT FOR OUR PROSTATE CANCER PATIENTS