

The Hillingdon Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust 2ww Urology Pathway Alert:

Directly Bookable - Straight to Test Prostate Pathway

The Hillingdon Hospital NHS Trust have implemented a nurse-led 'fast track' programme for suspected prostate cancer patients, via a telephone triage service which will go live on **Monday 11th March 2025**.

The purpose of the telephone triage is to assess patient suitability for straight to test (MRI), ensuring the best course of action for the individual patient prior to an outpatient appointment. This is to support early detection and diagnosis of cancer, reduce time to cancer treatment and reduce variation within West London Cancer Alliance sector by:

- Make a referral request via eRS, book the appointment as well as providing the appointment information letter whilst with the patient in surgery.
- Ensure patients are immediately available from the time of their referral for urgent appointments and diagnostic tests.
- Use *the 2ww Pan London Urgent Suspected Cancer Referral Form* (<https://www.transformationpartnersinhealthandcare.nhs.uk/our-work/cancer/early-diagnosis/two-week-wait-referral-repository/suspected-cancer-referrals/>)
- To ensure patients meet the prostate USC criteria and have a **recent blood test** (PSA/U&Es/eGFR within previous 3 months) – this is an important function in supporting the delivery of straight to test pathways
- To ensure if a patient has had a recent UTI, repeat the blood tests after 8 weeks

Patients who are found to have cancer following the initial tests will continue to be managed in line with cancer waiting times guidelines and providing them to access to specialist MDT meetings and Cancer Nurse Specialist Teams.

Every effort will be made to encourage patients to engage with this pathway, but very occasionally, we might ask your support in reaching out to patients who are declining to accept appointments/diagnostic tests.

Contact us

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