

FOI - 1744

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

I am submitting FOI request to find out if the following are offered to PCa patients.

mp MRI	Yes
Transperineal Biopsy under local	Yes
Transperineal Biopsy under General	Yes
TRUS biopsy	No, we do TP biopsy instead of TRUS
Isotope bone scan	Yes

Prostatectomy - *Not in the Southern Trust, patients transferred to Belfast Trust*

Robotic Prostatectomy - *Not in the Southern Trust, patients transferred to Belfast Trust*

LDR brachytherapy - *Not in Southern Trust, Provided in Belfast Cancer Centre*

HDR brachytherapy - *Not in Southern Trust, Provided in Belfast Cancer Centre*

SBRT - *Not in Southern Trust, Provided in Belfast Cancer Centre*

Chemotherapy - *Yes provided in Mandeville unit*

MDT clinic - *Urology Cancer MDT weekly (not a clinic)*

CNS in all clinics - *CNS is available at MDT Review clinics for Urology and ENT*

Urology CNS - Yes

Psychological counselling

*The Psycho-Oncology service (0.4WTE) supports adult Southern Trust residents experiencing **ANY** form of cancer. Referrals are accepted from the Southern Trust hospital teams and Oncologists at the Belfast Cancer Centre.*

The service also provides a specialist assessment to patients with genetic conditions (such as BRCA) in preparation for prophylactic surgery.

A small number of prostate cancer patients have been seen in the past. There are currently no prostate cancer patients in contact with the service nor waiting to be seen.

*There are a number of voluntary organisations active in the Southern Trust area that offer counselling support and accept referrals from Trust professional staff or from **any** person experiencing or affected by any cancer.*

Cancer Focus NI offers a counselling service on the Craigavon Area Hospital site. This service works closely with the hospital teams and the Psychologist.

Charis Cancer Care based in the Cookstown-Draperstown area also offers counselling.

Action Cancer offers counselling in Lurgan and Newry.

The Psycho-Oncology and voluntary sector services all offer both in person and remote support.

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