

Dear Colleague.

We write to you as Lincolnshire LMC, representatives of Lincolnshire general practice.

Please be aware that as part of GP collective action, general practice has reviewed services and those workloads which are currently undertaken, but not a commissioned service in general practice. Due to the escalating pressures on general practice, we can no longer absorb this non-commissioned specialist work from secondary care.

Monitoring of PSA in patients with a previous diagnosis of prostate cancer is one such workload.

Your department will likely soon see referrals from GP practices for you to arrange ongoing review of these patients and appropriate PSA monitoring.

Please note that these referrals cannot be rejected as are clinically appropriate, but should this workload cause a challenge for your department, please raise this with Lincolnshire ICB as the commissioner.

Please note that GP practices may subsequently be re-referring patients who have previously been under urology, found to not have had a diagnosis of prostate cancer, but were discharged to GP for ongoing PSA monitoring. This is another non-commissioned workload in general practice that uses resource that general practice should use to deliver our core commissioned services. Your departmental capacity planning should also prepare for these additional referrals.

Thank you for your ongoing care of our mutual patients to continue their safe monitoring.



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