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## National Prostate Cancer Audit

### **Patient Information**

This questionnaire is about your health since you were diagnosed with prostate cancer and the care and treatment you have received. We are collecting this information as part of the National Prostate Cancer Audit.

### **What is the National Prostate Cancer Audit?**

We need better information about the quality of services and care provided to patients with prostate cancer. The National Prostate Cancer Audit collects information about the diagnosis, management and treatment of every patient newly diagnosed with prostate cancer and their outcomes. Its findings will help to improve clinical practice which will save patients' lives and improve quality of life.

### **Who is undertaking the Audit?**

The Royal College of Surgeons of England has been funded by the NHS to undertake the National Prostate Cancer Audit. The College collaborates closely with the British Association of Urological Surgeons, the British Uro-oncology Group and the National Cancer Registration and Analysis Service.

### **Why have I been invited?**

Men who were diagnosed with prostate cancer in NHS hospitals in England are being sent a questionnaire at least 18 months after their cancer was diagnosed. Your hospital gave information about your prostate cancer diagnosis, treatment and outcomes to the National Cancer Registration and Analysis Service.

### **Why should I take part?**

The Audit will help us to improve patient care in the future from which you and other men can benefit.

### **Do I have to take part?**

Your participation is voluntary. You are free to withdraw the information you have provided to the Audit at any time without giving any reason, without your medical care or legal rights being affected. If you wish to withdraw from the survey, please phone the FREEPHONE helpline on: **0800 783 1775**.

### **Will you contact me again?**

If we do not hear back from you, we will send two reminders to you in the post. If you would prefer not to receive a reminder, you can register this by sending the uncompleted survey back to us in the provided FREEPOST envelope or by phoning the FREEPHONE helpline on: **0800 783 1775**.

## **Who should complete the questionnaire?**

The questions should be answered by the person named in the letter that came with this questionnaire. If you need help, the answers should be given from your point of view – not from the point of view of the person who is helping you.

## **Data Protection**

All the information that you give to us is strictly confidential and will be kept securely. We work within strict rules covering data protection and confidentiality. Your response to the questionnaire will **not** be shared with your doctor.

Your information will be anonymised for all purposes. Your name and address will not be combined with your answers to the survey questions. To protect your privacy, these personal details were only used to mail our questionnaire to you.

## **How will my information be used?**

The staff of the National Prostate Cancer Audit will combine your answers to the survey questions with the information that is given by your hospital about your diagnosis, treatment and outcomes to the National Cancer Registration and Analysis Service and with NHS databases, such as the Hospital Episode Statistics. The National Prostate Cancer Audit staff will not know your identity.

The results will be used to provide information about the quality of the care and services that patients with prostate cancer have received and to help us to compare how well each hospital is doing compared with other hospitals. Each year we will prepare a national report that will be publicly available on our website [www.npca.org.uk](http://www.npca.org.uk)

If you have any queries about the questionnaire, please call the FREEPHONE helpline number: **0800 783 1775**

To find out more about the information collected by the National Cancer Registration and Analysis Service [www.ncras.nhs.uk/leaflets](http://www.ncras.nhs.uk/leaflets)

## **Want to know more about the National Prostate Cancer Audit?**

Visit the National Prostate Cancer Audit web site: [www.npca.org.uk](http://www.npca.org.uk)

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