

Reference: FOI.ICB-2526/440

Subject: Digital Rectal Exam (DRE) Data

I can confirm that the ICB does not hold the information requested; please see responses below:

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p>In the last year (March 2025 – February 2026), how many patients have come forward to be tested for prostate cancer through a Digital Rectal Exam (DRE)?</p> <p>Where data within the specified period is not available, please provide the last 12 months of available data</p> <p>If possible, please provide the age of patients coming forward</p>	<p>The ICB does not hold this information.</p> <p>Some information about prostate, including PSA (Prostate Specific Antigen) testing, is available on Remedy; BNSSG referral pathways and Joint Formulary, which is a GP Referral Support Tool; Prostate - including PSA (Remedy BNSSG ICB). Local advice in some scenarios is an urgent referral to Urology at NBT (North Bristol NHS Trust).</p> <p>The requester is advised to contact the trust directly who may hold this information:</p> <p>North Bristol NHS Trust (NBT): https://www.nbt.nhs.uk/about-us/information-governance/freedom-information/request-information</p> <p>See also, data relating to diagnostic test is in the public domain here: Statistics » Monthly Diagnostic Waiting Times and Activity</p>

The information provided in this response is accurate as of 19 March 2026 and has been approved for release by Caroline Dawe, Deputy Director of Performance and Delivery, Acute and Integrated Care, MHLDA and EPRR for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.