

PE2062/E: Introduce a National Screening Programme for Prostate Cancer

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As the Secretary of State has made clear, any screening programme for prostate cancer must be evidence-led.

The UK National Screening Committee (UK NSC) review for prostate cancer screening is underway. The evidence review includes modelling the clinical effectiveness and costs relating to various approaches to prostate cancer screening. It is looking at different potential ways of screening the whole population, and targeted screening for people at higher risk of prostate cancer (such as black men, or men with a family history of the condition).

Once the modelling and evidence reviews are complete, the findings will be considered by the UK NSC. The UK NSC plans to hold a public consultation on screening for prostate cancer (based on the review evidence) towards the end of 2025. The outcome of the review and consultation will then inform an updated UK NSC recommendation on screening for prostate cancer.