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## PSA LES – Update to Searches and Practice Registers

Dear Colleagues,

As part of the ongoing delivery of the PSA Local Enhanced Service (LES), practices were previously advised that changes to the PSA searches would be implemented from Month 8 (November) to align with the LES specification and technical guidance. Following a review of recent data, this letter provides a further reminder and sets out the actions required at practice level.

The PSA searches have been amended to ensure they are fully aligned with the LES specification and technical guidance. Previously, the searches captured all PSA activity. They now identify activity based on the **PSA monitoring code** being recorded when an eligible patient attends for their PSA monitoring appointment, as set out in the specification.

As outlined in the LES guidance, only patients who meet the eligibility criteria for regular PSA monitoring should be included within this activity. The PSA monitoring code should therefore be entered at the point the patient attends for their scheduled PSA monitoring appointment, in line with the LES requirements.

Following a review of Month 9 data, a reduction in recorded activity has been observed across a number of practices, which was expected following the refinement of the searches. However, some practices are now showing zero recorded activity. This suggests that PSA monitoring activity may not yet be consistently coded using the PSA monitoring code where eligible appointments are taking place.

Where the PSA monitoring code is not entered, activity will be recorded as zero. Practices are therefore asked to review their current processes and **ensure that the PSA monitoring code is being applied appropriately for eligible patients attending for PSA monitoring**, in line with the LES specification and guidance, and to complete this review as soon as possible.

To support practices, the PSA monitoring code is included below, along with a screenshot of the PSA template, to demonstrate where the code can be found and entered when an eligible patient attends for PSA monitoring.

**Prostate-specific antigen monitoring**

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Pages	ACTIVITY CODE
Bariatric Surgery	<b>TICK THIS BOX TO ENSURE THE PATIENT IS INCLUDED IN THE ACTIVITY</b>
Diabetes	<input type="checkbox"/> Prostate-specific antigen monitoring <i>Text</i> <input type="text"/> No previous entry
ECG Recording	<b>Last Coded Entries</b>
Injections - Complex	Last Suspected Prostate Cancer No previous entry
Injections - Simple	Last Prostate Cancer Dx No previous entry
Phlebotomy	Last PSA Level No previous entry
<b>PSA</b>	Last Raised PSA dx No previous entry
Respiratory Diagnosis	Ref urology service No previous entry
Ring Pessary	<b>Please check latest discharge for review and testing frequency and/or re referral to urology</b>
Wound Care	Discharge No previous entry
Template Information	<b>Ethnicity</b>
	Ethnic category - 2011 census England and Wales <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> No previous entry
	<b>Suspected Prostate Cancer</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Suspected prostate cancer <i>Text</i> <input type="text"/> No previous entry
	<b>Ref to Urology</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Referral to urology service 29-Jan-2026 <input type="text"/> No previous entry
	<input type="checkbox"/> Fast track referral for suspected urological cancer 29-Jan-2026 <input type="text"/> No previous entry

It is important that practice data is accurate ahead of year-end. Practices currently showing zero or minimal recorded activity may otherwise be at **risk of funding recovery**.

Support remains available should practices require any assistance with coding. Practices may also wish to note that a Prostate Q&A session was held by the Data Quality Team on **29 January**, which is available to access via the Learning Platform for those practices that are registered.

If you have any questions or require further support, please contact the Data Quality Team. All requests for support or query resolution should be logged via the MLCSU IT Service Desk: [Sostenuto self-service portal](#) / [AVA Chatbot](#) / 0300 555 0212

Kind regards,



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