

PROJECT TITLE

Diagnostic Journeys in Prostate cancer (DJiP): how long does it take to diagnose

FUNDING

£130,000
Cancer Research Wales

RESEARCH QUESTION(s)

What is the nature of diagnostic journeys in men with prostate cancer across Wales?
What factors, interactions and experiences might influence the pathway to an individual diagnosis?
What factors can facilitate timely diagnosis?

RESEARCH DESIGN

A prospective, mixed methods study to determine patient diagnostic journeys using patient specific questionnaires (Quantitative), patient interviews (Qualitative) and GP focus groups. Findings will help identify future potential interventions.

ABOUT THE STUDY

Prostate cancer is the fourth most common cancer death (Cancer Research UK, 2017). Since the early 1970s prostate cancer mortality rates have increased by around a fifth (21%) in the UK. Diagnosing cancer early is a United Kingdom (UK) policy focus. This initiative arose following the recognition that the UK cancer survival figures at one and five-years were lower than other European countries with comparable healthcare system

DJiP aims to

- Identify the best practice in the identification of men with symptoms for testing to ensure effective diagnosis of prostate cancer, whilst minimising harms of over diagnosis.
- Disseminate findings through publication in open access peer reviewed journals and international conferences.

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