

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/22/489
Surveillance Policy

Information requested:

I would be grateful for copies of the Health Board's policies in relation to low risk renal carcinoma as to when surveillance for these diseases changed from being ultrasound scans and chest x-rays to CT scan follow-up. Surveillance used to be by way of ultrasound scans and chest x-rays but I understand that this changed to CT scans. I would be grateful for confirmation as to when this change was implemented by the Health Board and the documents to support the same.

Response details:

Late in 2020 the UHB implemented a standardised follow-up pathway for patients who had undergone partial/radical nephrectomy for renal cancer. This was in line with European guidelines. Attached is the follow up pathway for low risk follow up. There was a transition period of up to 12 months where patients had USS and CXR as requested at their previous follow up. Prior to this standardised follow-up, the patient's consultant dictated interval imaging

Please also note: the UHB's follow up protocols reflect the change in the European Urology Guidance in 2018, recommending a CT based follow up, stratified according to risk. These can be found at:

<https://uroweb.org/guidelines/renal-cell-carcinoma/chapter/followup-in-rcc>