

tackle Tackle Prostate Cancer – Our position on the UK's National
prostate cancer Screening Programme

Currently there is no national screening programme for prostate cancer in the UK, because there is no reliable test that detects prostate cancer in its early stage.

At Tackle Prostate Cancer we believe that we need to work collectively with our partners and stakeholders towards a national screening programme to ensure that those who are at risk of having prostate cancer are given the best possible chance of early detection. We believe that this should begin with a PSA blood test, as the best available option, followed by swift, accurate diagnostic tests to identify the possible occurrence of prostate cancer. This should be offered from age 50 and from age 45 for those at higher risk - Black men and men with a family history. Other common cancers are detected through some form of screening programme, and prostate cancer must be the same.

To obtain this equity we will continue to work with our brilliant network of prostate cancer support groups many of whom raise awareness of the need for a national screening programme and who organise PSA blood testing events in the community. We will continue to strengthen, and establish more, prostate cancer peer support groups in the areas of the UK that need them most, to ensure people affected by prostate cancer do not feel isolated. Finally, we will continue to ensure that there is an inclusive and accessible offer to all those impacted by prostate cancer, especially those from communities that are under-served, for example Black and LGBTQ+ people.

We pledge to use our skills and resources to lobby national government to work towards a screening programme at pace, while maintaining our focus on supporting people going through diagnosis and treatment for prostate cancer and those living with it.

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