

A GOOD OUTCOME

This letter was received from a person who had attended PSA tests which had been arranged by CHAPS and East Suffolk Prostate Cancer Support Group

Hi

I went to the health check days you arranged at Ipswich Town FC in 2013 and 2015 and amongst other checks had the PSA blood test. My results were green.

During Covid I checked your site a number of times, as I planned to continue have a PSA check every 2 years, even though I had no symptoms or issues. As soon as I saw you were organising a PSA event in Ipswich on 1 March 2022 I booked in.

On Wednesday 9 March I received my result by email – a red result – my PSA was 15.19ng/ml.

I took the letter to my GP the next morning and the doctor phoned me the same day. He arranged for an MRI on 16 March and then I had a biopsy on 30 March. It was confirmed as cancer in the prostate. I had a bone scan on 11 April. The cancer had not spread to any other organ or my bones – it was localised.

I opted to have my prostate removed and the operation was on 28 June 2022.

On 4 August the surgeon from Addenbrookes phoned me to say that the biopsy on the margin that had been removed confirmed that the cancer was localised and I need no further treatment.

I would not have known I had cancer had I not had the PSA test. I went into the operation in an otherwise fit and healthy condition and have recovered from it extremely well.

The NHS service was excellent throughout.

I realise that your organisation knows the importance of the PSA check and so am just sharing my experience for your encouragement.

Name and address was supplied