PROSTATE SCREENING IN MEN
IF THERE WAS A PSA PROSTATE CANCER SCREENING PROGRAMME

Of 1,000 men aged 45–80, without any symptoms...

WITHOUT SCREENING

68
will be diagnosed with prostate cancer
7 will die of prostate cancer
61 will be treated and survive their cancer

WITH PSA SCREENING

88
will be diagnosed with prostate cancer
7 will die of prostate cancer
81 will be treated and survive their cancer
20 of the 81 will be overdiagnosed. These are cancers that wouldn’t have caused any harm.*

DUE TO SCREENING
No lives will be saved and around 20 men will be diagnosed with cancers that would not have caused them any harm.

0 lives will be saved due to screening

*It is not possible to tell who these men are. They may go through unnecessary treatment, worry and potential complications such as infections, sexual dysfunction and bladder and bowel control problems.

Reference: Screening for Prostate Cancer (Review), The Cochrane Library 2013
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