



*'Tackling treatment  
uncertainties together'*

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Dear Colleague

### **James Lind Alliance / Prostate Cancer Priority Setting Partnership.**

The James Lind Alliance (JLA) is a project, funded jointly by the National Institute of Health Research and the Medical Research Council.

Their one simple aim is to provide an infrastructure and process to help Patients and Clinicians work together to agree on what are the most important Treatment Uncertainties affecting their particular interest so that future Research / Reviews can be targeted to what they deem has the highest priority.

The [Prostate Cancer Research Foundation](#) and the [Prostate Cancer Support Federation](#), supported by the [Prostate Cancer Charter for Action](#) have asked the JLA to work through this process with all interested organisations in prostate cancer - hence this letter to you.

Lester Firkins is the independent Chair of the JLA Strategy and Development Group, and his role will be to chair this [Priority Setting Partnership \(PSP\)](#) over the next months, concentrating on ensuring that, as far as possible, the process is fair and free from bias, and most importantly to ensure that Patients and Clinicians do have equal voices and that real Treatment Uncertainties are considered.

More information on the work of the JLA can be found on their Website [www.lindalliance.org](http://www.lindalliance.org), but as a first step we are holding an initial "Stakeholder Meeting" in London (Friends House, opposite Euston Station) on **10th June**. If this initiative is of interest to your organisation we would be delighted if a representative could attend. There is no cost to you. Or if you know of anyone else who might be interested, then please do forward them this email.

If you could please email me - [ehalls@thepcrf.org](mailto:ehalls@thepcrf.org) and let us know if you are interested and can join us. Fuller details will then be sent, we envisage the meeting will be from 10.30am to 3.30pm max (lunch provided). Similarly, if you are interested in this work but cannot make the meeting then let us know so that we can add your name to the circulation list for details as the initiative proceeds

If you have any questions that you think Lester Firkins and the James Lind Alliance may be able to answer please email him - [lesterfirkins@mac.com](mailto:lesterfirkins@mac.com) - though he does only work part time and may not get back to you immediately.

We are all excited about the chance to work on this most important condition where it is clear that many uncertainties around treatment do exist, and we hope that you will be able to join us.

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Chief Executive

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