Prostate Testing for Cancer and Treatment (ProtecT) feasibility study
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Authors' objectives
The overall aim was to evaluate the feasibility of a randomised controlled trial (RCT) of treatments for localised prostate cancer, including:

- feasibility of case-finding in the community (including the reliability and psychosocial impact of PSA testing)
- determining the most efficient and effective design for a major trial of treatments
- randomised trial of recruitment strategies
- piloting outcome measures and procedures for the main trial of treatments.

Authors' conclusions
It is feasible to mount a full-scale three-arm randomised trial of treatment for localised prostate cancer, preceded by a programme of case-finding in the UK.

The full-scale three-arm Prostate Testing for Cancer and Treatment (ProtecT) randomised trial of treatment has now been commissioned by the NHS R&D Health Technology Assessment Programme. It will be undertaken in nine clinical centres in the UK, involving over 100,000 men, and recruitment will take 5 years, commencing September 2001.

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