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Paper Title	Quality of life among symptomatic compared to PSA-detected prostate cancer survivors - Results from a UK wide patient-reported outcomes study
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Conclusion	Results from a survey with 35,823 responses, 31.3% presented after PSA test - asymptotically Prostate cancer survivors presenting symptomatically report poorer functional outcomes than PSA detected survivors. Differences were not explained by socio-demographic or clinical factors. NOTE To put in context PSA Testing leads to over diagnosis of prostate cancer and treatments have long term health consequences.
What this means for the service	Clinicians should be aware that men presenting with symptoms are more likely to report functional difficulties after prostate cancer treatment and may need additional aftercare if these difficulties persist. Method of presentation should be considered as a covariate in patient-reported outcome studies of prostate cancer.