

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which we received on Thursday 22nd August 2024. I am pleased to confirm the following.

This is an information request relating to Complementary and alternative medicines offered in NHS trusts

Please include the following information:

Total number of patients that have received treatment that falls under this category

This is exempt under section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act – Personal Information – this would involve searching through large amounts of patient medical records.

What existing problem did they have in order to qualify for this treatment

Chronic Pain

The specific treatment they received. (e.g. acupuncture, chiropractic, herbal medicines, homoeopathy)

We offer Acupuncture through the Chronic Pain clinic, and it is allowed within NICE Guidelines.

The cost of each treatment for each patient.

We have a block contract, there are no tariffs.

The definition of complementary and alternative medicines

is here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/complementary-and-alternative-medicine/#:~:text=Complementary%20and%20alternative%20medicine%20>

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If you need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at the address above.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Co-ordinator
For and on behalf of Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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