



Ref: FOIA Reference 2022/23-520

Date: 19th December 2022

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 5th December 2022 and 13th December requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Reiki/Energy Healing and aromatherapy

We contacted you via email to inform you that under section 12 of the FOI Act we were aggregating these requests on Reiki and aromatherapy

Your new reference number for both is 520-2223

The section 12 exemption states:

The authority can combine related requests received within a period of 60 consecutive days from:

- The same person or
- People who appear to be acting in concert or in pursuance of a campaign.

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Request #1

Q1 What is your policy on reiki energy healing? Please provide a copy of your policy, if you have one.

A1 UHNM does not offer Reiki

Q2 In the last five years, have you engaged a reiki practitioner / energy healer for the provision of reiki/energy healing to patients?

- a. In which years?**
- b. What was the cost to the NHS for each of these years?**
- c. How many patients were given reiki treatment in each of these years?**

Please break the results down by condition.

A2 Not applicable

Q3 Do you currently have a contract in place with any provider for the provision of reiki/energy healing services?

a. **Please provide a copy of the contract**

A3 Not applicable

Q4 Which external organisations, charities or companies (eg the Sam Buxton Sunflower Healing Trust) have you contracted or engaged with over the provision of reiki / energy healing in the last three years?

a. **Please include copies of any promotional materials, advertising materials or other documentation provided by the external organisation as part of this engagement**

A4 Not applicable

Request #2

Q1 What is your policy on aromatherapy? Please provide a copy of your policy, if you have one.

A1 UHNM does not offer Aromatherapy

Q2 In the last five years, have you engaged an aromatherapy practitioner for the provision of aromatherapy to NHS patients?

a. **In which years?**

b. **What was the cost to the NHS for each of these years?**

c. **How many patients were given aromatherapy in each of these years?**

Please break the results down by condition.

A2 Not applicable

Q3 Do you currently have a contract in place with any provider for the provision of aromatherapy services?

a. **Please provide a copy of the contract**

A3 Not applicable

Q4. Which external organisations, charities or companies (if any) have you contracted or engaged with over the provision of aromatherapy in the last three years?

a. Please include copies of any promotional materials, advertising materials or other documentation provided by the external organisation as part of this engagement

A4 Not applicable

*Please note that any individuals identified do not give consent for their personal data to be processed for the purposes of direct marketing.

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,





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