



Ref: FOIA Reference 2024/25-345

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Email [foi@uhnm.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@uhnm.nhs.uk)

Dear Sir/ Madam

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 22nd August 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding alternative medicines

As of 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Q1 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**

A1 Not applicable to UHNM

**Q2 What existing problem did they have in order to qualify for this treatment**

A2 As answer 1

**Q3 The specific treatment they received. (e.g. acupuncture, chiropractic, herbal medicines, homoeopathy)**

A3 As answer 1

**Q4 The cost of each treatment for each patient.**

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

A4 As answer 1

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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.

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Yours,



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