

Ref: FOI/2022/8539

Date Received: 14th December 2022

Response Due: 16th January 2023

Date: 24th January 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

You asked:

Request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I write to request the following information:

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

Yes, the complimentary therapists are working within a Standard Operating Procedure.

We are unable to provide a copy of this policy at this time as it is currently under review.

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

Yes.

a. In which years?

From 2019 to date.

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

Year	Cost £
2022/23	24,021
2021/22	30,047
2020/21	28,355
2019/20	19,224

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

Please note that we only have data recorded from September 2021 onwards in response to this question.

Number of patients receiving aromatherapy in the last 14 months.

MONTH	PATIENTS RECEIVING AROMATHERAPY
September 2021	38
October 2021	41
November 2021	43
December 2021	32
January 2022	29
February 2022	18
March 2022	26
April 2022	17
May 2022	35
June 2022	33
July 2022	50
August 2022	46
September 2022	43
October 2022	49
November 2022	Data still being added
December 2022	Data still being added.

Please break the results down by condition.

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

No.

a. Please provide a copy of the contract.

N/A

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

None.

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

N/A.

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 28 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Hazel Hendriksen
Director of Operations for Specialist Services

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If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

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