

Our Ref: PW/AKB/FOI-12-196

15th December 2022

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Sent by email

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Dear

FOI-12-196

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request dated the 13th December 2022. We can confirm that the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board does hold part of the information that you have requested. Please see our responses in blue below

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.**

Please be advised that all alternative therapies (including aromatherapy) are excluded in the ICB Policy for Excluded and Restricted Procedures. The link to this Policy which is available on the ICB website is detailed below:

<https://staffsstoke.icb.nhs.uk/your-nhs-integrated-care-board/our-publications/governance-handbook/all-policies/commissioning/ssot-icb-excluded-and-restricted-procedures-policy-v2-0/?layout=default>

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

No

- 3. In which years?**

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

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

Please break the results down by condition.

Not applicable.

- 4. 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

No

5. 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

Not applicable.

Right of Appeal

Should you require any further information or clarification regarding this response please do not hesitate to contact us. If you are dissatisfied with the response, you are entitled to request an internal review which should be formally requested in writing and must be within two calendar months from the date this response was issued.

To request an internal review

You can request an internal review by contacting the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board FOI team by emailing the team at StaffsStokeFOI@staffsstoke.icb.nhs.uk or by post to the address at the top of this letter.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board's FOI complaints procedure.

The ICO can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

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