

FOI Request: Complementary & Alternative Medicine Funding
Our Reference Number: 1314384

- 1. What funding did you allocate for Complementary and Alternative Medicine for 2013-2014?**
- 2. What funding are you planning to allocate for CAM for 2014-2015?**
- 3. What forms of CAM were funded in 2013-2014 and for which medical problems?**
- 4. What forms of CAM will be funded in 2014-2015 and for which medical problems?**
- 5. Have you reduced or stopped funding of any forms of CAM in 2013-2014 and do you intend to reduce or stop funding of any forms of CAM in 2014-2015?**
- 6. Did you introduce or increase funding of any forms of CAM in 2013-2014 and do you intend to introduce or increase funding of any CAM in 2014-2015?**

Please find below the extract from our current Service Restriction Policy pertaining to the commissioning of complimentary therapies:

Treatments or diagnostic procedures outside the mainstream of medical practice will not be funded on the NHS. Providers of services of unknown effectiveness will be asked to present evidence that would support funding. Specific examples of services that would be funded only if approved by the CCG's special case review process are:

Homeopathy, Acupuncture (except for the relief of pain or nausea, as an adjunct to other treatments provided under the NHS), Osteopathy and chiropractic services, Other complementary therapies such as aromatherapy and massage.