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## INFORMATION REQUEST FOI2022/393

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### Thank you for your Freedom of Information request.

I write to request the following information:

1. What is your policy on reiki energy healing? Please provide a copy of your policy, if you have one.
2. 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.

3. 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
4. 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

Please interpret my request in the broadest possible terms. If you have any doubt as to whether any information falls within the scope of my request, please assume that it does and include it in your response.

### I have considered your request and have set out the Trust's response below:

1. We do not have a Reiki / Healing policy.
2. We do not directly provide or commission Reiki or healing energy therapies. We do not promote any commercial companies/individuals.
3. We do not have any contracts in place.
4. We signpost some patients to some organisations providing complementary therapies, which are all charities offering free sessions of services. These organisations may use Reiki/Healing within some of their treatment, but we do not engage with these groups directly so we do not know.

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Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Coordinator

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