



NIAS REF: 33420-24 Complementary and alternative medicines

Good Afternoon

I would advise that the NIAS is a pre-hospital organisation and therefore we do not operate an acute hospital service to the public in terms of alternative medicines/treatments. This would fall under the remit of each individual Health & Social Care Trust operating within Northern Ireland as detailed below:

Northern Health & Social Care Trust
Belfast Health & Social Care Trust
Western Health & Social Care Trust
South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust
Southern Health & Social Care Trust

I would suggest making contact with each of the FOI leads in the above Trust's (emails addresses will be available via their websites) and they should be able to assist you further.

The information requested is not held by the NIAS.

Kind regards

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Subject: freedom of information request

Thursday 22nd August 2024

RE: Request under the Freedom of Information Act (2000)

Dear Information Team

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
- What existing problem did they have in order to qualify for this treatment
- The specific treatment they received. (e.g. acupuncture, chiropractic, herbal medicines, homoeopathy)
- 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>

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me via email or phone and I will be very happy to clarify what I am asking for.

I would prefer a response via email, but if this is not possible, I will gladly accept letters to the address below.

Please acknowledge this information request as soon as possible.

Kind regards