



North East and North Cumbria

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Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request for Information – NHS North East & North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (ICB)

Thank you for your request received by North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) on 05 December 2022 for information held by NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (NENC ICB) under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

For information Clinical Commissioning Groups ceased to exist on 30 June 2022. Services that were previously delivered by the CCG are now being delivered by the successor organisation NHS North East and North Cumbria (ICB).

Details of 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

Response

The ICB are not the holders of this information, however attached is the VBC Policy, page 35 mentions Complementary Therapies which we believe this would fall under, and answers Q1.



VBC Policy V10 -
April 2022 Final.pdf

If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above telephone number or at the above address.

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The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
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Yours sincerely

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