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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to Acupuncture treatments.

Please provide the following for the years 2010 to 2015 inclusive:

- 1. The names of the hospitals, clinics or other settings in which you provided acupuncture treatments.*
- 2. The number of acupuncture treatments provided and the number of patients treated at each of these locations.*
- 3. The types of clinicians who provided these treatments, e.g. physiotherapists, doctors, acupuncturists.*
- 4. The total cost of providing acupuncture treatments at each of these locations.*
- 5. The cost of acupuncture needles purchased included in the total cost.*

1. Acupuncture is provided at Maidstone & Tunbridge Wells Hospitals and at our outreach clinics at Sevenoaks, Maidstone & Lenham GP surgeries.
2. Approx. 3000 new patients are treated at each hospital site and 150 per year at the outreach clinics (full year stats not available for Maidstone & Lenham as new service started this year). It is not possible to identify the number of patients receiving acupuncture as they are not referred for this treatment modality it is used as an adjunct to rehabilitation when appropriate.
3. Acupuncture is provided by Physiotherapists.
4. As acupuncture is only a part of the total treatment the actual cost of providing acupuncture treatment is not possible to calculate as most patients will not require this modality.
5. The total cost for the purchase of acupuncture needles for year 15/16 was £532.97 plus VAT.