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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 Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM) services.

*You asked:*

*I am writing to obtain information, under the Freedom of Information Act, about your Trust's funding of Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM) services they provided.*

*To outline my query as clearly as possible, I am requesting:*

1. *How much the Trust has spent on CAM services for the following financial years:*
  - a. *2019-20*
  - b. *2020-21*
  - c. *2021-22*

*This includes salaries for those employed to carry out these services, costs of medicine, equipment and any additional costs involved.*

2. *A list of all services provided under CAM.*

Trust response:

1.
  - a. 2019-20 - 2 staff trained (that help with the patient sessions on an adhoc basis)
  - b. 2020-21 - 3 staff trained (that help with the patient sessions on an adhoc basis)
  - c. 2021-22 - 6 staff trained (that help with the patient sessions on an adhoc basis)

Two of these staff members were funded by Macmillan. The remaining nine were funded through the trust at a cost of £450 each.

2. We provide acupuncture treatment for Oncology patients. The staff who provide this service do so outside of their paid working hours on a voluntary basis.