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Email only

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### **Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information**

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022 in relation to County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (the Trust). Your request has been processed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and I am now able to provide you with a response.

Your request was in relation to aromatherapy and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

**1. What is your policy on aromatherapy? Please provide a copy of your policy, if you have one.**

The Trust do not offer complimentary therapies in place but are looking to do so in the future. We are currently gathering examples of policies and trying to identify funding to meet patient demand.

**2. In the last five years, have you engaged an aromatherapy practitioner for the provision of aromatherapy to NHS patients?**

**a. In which years?**

**b. What was the cost to the NHS for each of these years?**

**c. How many patients were given aromatherapy in each of these years?**

**Please break the results down by condition.**

No

**3. Do you currently have a contract in place with any provider for the provision of aromatherapy services?**

**a. Please provide a copy of the contract**

No

**4. Which external organisations, charities or companies (if any) have you contracted or engaged with over the provision of aromatherapy in the last three years?**

None.

**a. Please include copies of any promotional materials, advertising materials or other documentation provided by the external organisation as part of this engagement**

Not applicable.

In line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log on the Trust's website. However please be assured that we anonymise all responses prior to adding them to the disclosure log.

I hope that this response has provided you with the information you had requested. If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone or in writing. If however, you are dissatisfied with the way in which your request has been handled and would like an internal review, you will need to contact me in writing at the above address or via [cdda-tr.cddffoi@nhs](mailto:cdda-tr.cddffoi@nhs).

If you remain dissatisfied with our response following an internal review you have the right to appeal to The Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. More information is available on their website; [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

**Corporate Records and Freedom of Information Facilitator**