

FOI REF: 25/894

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

1. **Does your Trust currently provide or commission acupuncture treatments or acupuncture services? If so, please provide a copy of your policy, including on what evidence acupuncture is provided.**

[East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not provide or commission acupuncture treatments or acupuncture services.](#)

2. **For each of the last five fiscal years (2020/2021, 2021/2022, 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25), please provide:**

- a. **The amount spent on the provision or commissioning of acupuncture services or treatments**
- b. **The number of patients seen by these services**

Year	Amount Spent	Number of patients
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2020/21		
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2021/22		
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2022/23		
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2023/24		
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2024/25		
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[Not applicable.](#)

3. **Do you currently have a contract in place with any provider for the provision of acupuncture services? If so, please provide a copy of the contract.**

[No.](#)

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4. Which external organisations, charities or companies (eg the Sam Buxton Sunflower Healing Trust) have you contracted or engaged with over the provision of acupuncture services in the five fiscal years? Please include copies of any promotional materials, advertising materials or other documentation provided by the external organisation as part of this engagement

None.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

Should you still be dissatisfied with your FOI request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

The Information Commissioner's Office
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Yours sincerely

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