Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Request Ref: NGFOI 16/17: 319

Thank you for your request for information received at Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH) on 19/09/16.

I am pleased that we are now able to provide you with a response to your request as shown below.

You requested:

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, eg 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.

Response from Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH):

1. The names of the hospitals, clinics or other settings in which you provided acupuncture treatments.
    The Pain Clinic, NGH.

2. The number of acupuncture treatments provided and the number of patients treated at each of these locations.
    Currently 2 clinics per week in courses of 4 treatments per course.

    Each clinic has 6 patients.

3. The types of clinicians who provided these treatments, e.g. physiotherapists, doctors, acupuncturists.
    Registered Nurses following completion of acupuncture course.

4. The total cost of providing acupuncture treatments at each of these locations.
    I can confirm on behalf of the Trust and in accordance with S.1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not hold the information that you have requested as there is no set cost per treatment.

5. The cost of acupuncture needles purchased included in the total cost.
    Cost of acupuncture needles is £2.90/box.

    I can confirm on behalf of the Trust and in accordance with S.1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not hold the information that you have requested

with regards to total cost, as we do not record the number of needles used per treatment.