

**RE: Freedom of Information Request 201718 / 012 – Alternative Medicines**

Your Query	Date of Request	April 2017
<p data-bbox="97 539 1453 607">Please give the amounts spent and number of referrals made by the CCG/health board for the following treatments or services in each of the last three financial years (2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17):</p> <ul data-bbox="244 640 1029 842" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="244 640 722 674">· Iscador aka Mistletoe Therapy</li><li data-bbox="244 674 746 707">· Chiropractic/Spinal Manipulation</li><li data-bbox="244 707 1029 741">· Osteopathy/Cranial Osteopathy/Craniosacral Therapy</li><li data-bbox="244 741 544 775">· Herbal remedies</li><li data-bbox="244 775 480 808">· Reflexology</li><li data-bbox="244 808 707 842">· Traditional Chinese Medicine</li></ul>		
Response		
<p data-bbox="97 954 1469 1223">NHS Orkney's physiotherapy service performs some chiropractic manipulation if required. However activity and cost is not recorded in a format which allows for the requested information such as number of referrals to be provided. This information would be held within individual patient's personal health record. To collate this information would be a time consuming exercise which we estimate would take several hours and be out with the cost of compliance as this would exceed the £600 prescribed limit set in regulation 5 of the Freedom of Information (Fees for Required Disclosure) (Scotland) Regulations 2004. Therefore NHS Orkney is not obliged under section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 to comply with your request.</p>		