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### **Freedom of Information Request**

I write to request the following information.

1. How much money did the CCG spend on acupuncture services in the financial years 2013-14, 2014-15, and 2015-16?
2. How many referrals for acupuncture services were made in each of those years (if possible, broken down by initial consultation and follow-up consultations)?
3. For which conditions were patients referred to acupuncture services in each of those years (with numbers per condition, if possible)?
4. Do you have a written policy on the funding of acupuncture services? If so, please provide a copy.
5. Do you have any contracts with acupuncture providers to whom you may refer patients? If so, please (i) confirm with whom you have contracts and (ii) provide copies of the contracts.

### **NHS Norwich CCG response**

NHS Norwich CCG would like to respond as follows:

1. Nil.
2. There were no referrals received in any of the years above.
3. None were referred.
4. There is currently no policy. Acupuncture will only be funded via an individual funding request as an adjunct to pain management and only through specialist pain clinics.
5. No.