

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 22-497

15 September 2022

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

- We can confirm that we do hold the information you are requesting

**Your organisation is listed by The Sam Buxton Sunflower Healing Trust as having received funding to support reiki and/or spiritual healing practitioners, engaged as NHS employees. The list is here: <http://www.cancertherapies.org.uk/informationforhstaff>
Please provide the following:**

1. All correspondence with The Sam Buxton Sunflower Healing Trust since 1st January 2006

All correspondence with the Sam Buxton Trust was done via email with Trustees of the Sam Buxton Sunflower Healing Trust from 2017. This included funding of a Reiki Healer in the Teenage and Young Adult Cancer Service in Bristol. Funding was provided in a fixed-term basis to appoint a therapist for a period of 23 months, after which funding was taken over by another local charity. The therapist was employed in an honorary contract (attached).

2. All internal correspondence relating to the creation of the position(s) of reiki practitioner and/or spiritual healer

Please see the attached document (intent to fund, honorary contract and conditions of grant).

3. All internal procedures and guidance governing the creation and regulation of the position(s).

Please see the attached Complementary Policy for Bristol Haematology and Oncology Centre. The funded post holder has an honorary contract with the Trust during the period of employment (attached) and therapies proposal that includes delivery, governance and evaluation.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Data Protection Officer
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
Bristol
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Publication

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Yours sincerely

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