

Reference: FOI.ICB-2526/316

Subject: Acupuncture Treatments or Services Commissioning

I can confirm that the ICB does hold some of the information requested; please see responses below:

QUESTION	RESPONSE																		
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.	BNSSG ICB manages access to NHS funded acupuncture treatment via a criteria based access policy which can be found here: Acupuncture - BNSSG Healthier Together																		
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	<table><tr><th>Year</th><th>Amount Spent</th><th>Number of patients</th></tr><tr><td>2020/21</td><td>Not available</td><td>Not Available</td></tr><tr><td>2021/22</td><td>£113</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>2022/23</td><td>0</td><td>0</td></tr><tr><td>2023/24</td><td>0</td><td>0</td></tr><tr><td>2024/25</td><td>0</td><td>0</td></tr></table>	Year	Amount Spent	Number of patients	2020/21	Not available	Not Available	2021/22	£113	1	2022/23	0	0	2023/24	0	0	2024/25	0	0
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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
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

The information provided in this response is accurate as of 16 December 2025 and has been approved for release by Dr Joanne Medhurst, Chief Medical Officer for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.