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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 1277

I write further to your email dated 28 August 2020.

Your request has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), explained on our [freedom of information](#) page.

Your request:

- Does the Council hold a register, directory, database or any other list of Complementary and Alternative medicines (CAM) practitioners? This could include, but is not limited to, the following disciplines:
 - Acupuncturists
 - Hypnotists
 - Massage therapists
 - Counsellors
- Please provide a full list containing all the above practitioners (and any additional operators) that are licensed within the council area, together with the dates that licences were issued
- What is the criteria that council officers use to approve and issue appropriate licence(s)?
- What is the ongoing process of monitoring the above practitioners once they have been approved for a licence?

Our response:

Please see document 1277a.xlsx attached for our list of Acupuncturists. NWLDC does not publish details of sole traders as this is deemed as personal information and therefore exempt from disclosure under section 40 of the FOIA.

Council officers use Section 14(7) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous) Provisions Act 1982 with respect to Acupuncture to approve and issue appropriate licences.

North West Leicestershire District Council does not directly monitor licenced practitioners, however we respond to any complaints or concerns raised.

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If you are dissatisfied with the information supplied please feel free to contact me on the number above for any queries in relation to this response. Please note that in responding to further enquiries I can only comment on the information contained within this correspondence and cannot provide any further information that may pertain to an additional FOIA request.

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If you remain dissatisfied following the conclusion of the above informal review, you have the right to ask for an internal review. A request for a review whether formal or informal should be submitted within two calendar months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be sent to DPO@NWLeicestershire.gov.uk or the address above.

Further details on our appeals and complaints procedure can be found on our website [here](#).

If you remain dissatisfied following the conclusion 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 accessicoinformation@ico.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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