

Questions PCTs were asked by Homeopathy: Medicine for the 21st Century:

- A. How can a patient access such treatment?
 - B. If access is controlled by the patient's GP, what procedures exist to make sure that GPs are competent to make this decision?
 - C. What guidelines are provided to enable GPs who do not meet this level of competence to make informed decisions about homeopathic treatment?
 - D. What procedures exist to compare outcomes and costs of homeopathic treatment with other forms of treatment?
1. What criteria are used by the Board and any relevant advisory committees or individuals to assess homeopathic treatment when deciding not to provide the option of this treatment?
 2. How many members of the Board of the PCT and of those advisory committees and individuals have professional knowledge of the principles and practice of homeopathy?
 3. What is the total number of members of the Board and of those advisory committees and individuals?
 4. Are exactly the same criteria used when assessing all treatments provided by the PCT?
 5. Are there any other treatments which do not meet these criteria but which are provided by the PCT anyway, and which criteria do they meet?
 6. How many members of the Board of the PCT and of these advisory committees and individuals have professional knowledge of the principles and practice on which these other treatments are based?

PCT	Provision	A	B	C	D	1	2	3	4	5	6
Ashton, Leigh and Wigan	Does not	No info	N/A	N/A	N/A	No info	No info	No info	No info	No info	No info
Bolton	Does not	Exceptional	N/A	N/A	None	Clinical - Cost - Safety - Prescribed by a member of a statutorily regulated organisation - Advice: NICE	No info	No info	No info	No info	No info
Bury	Does not	Exceptional	N/A	N/A	N/A	No info	Info not collected	Referred to website	Yes	"Not specifically funded"	Info not collected
Heywood and Middleton	Does	GP - Not referral	Own competence	None	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Manchester	Does not	Exceptional	N/A	N/A	N/A	Clinical - Regulation - Prescribed by NHS professional - Advice: NICE	No info	No info	No info	No info	No info
Salford	Does not	No info	N/A	N/A	N/A	Clinical - Cost - Risks and benefits - Reliability of evidence - Alternatives - Advice: NICE; DoH; National Service Frameworks; PCT Board and Professional Exec Cttee; Strategic Health Authority; Association of Greater Manchester PCTs; other relevant bodies of appropriate standing	Commissioning panel: Possibly 1 - Can co-opt specialist expertise	Commissioning panel 8	Yes	No info	Commissioning panel: 3, possibly 4
Stockport	Does not	Exceptional	N/A	N/A	N/A	No info	Not known	Board 13 - EUR panel 8 - Professional Exec Cttee 18	Yes	"None that we are aware of"	"Not applicable"
Tameside and Glossop	Does not	No info	N/A	N/A	N/A	No info	No info	No info	No info	No info	No info
Trafford	Does not	No info	N/A	N/A	N/A	No info	Not known	Board 14	No info	No info	No info