

**14.1 Complementary and alternative therapies**

<b>Category</b>	Not routinely funded
<b>Policy</b>	

These treatments are not routinely funded.

These include: acupuncture\*, aromatherapy, Chinese medicines, chiropractic therapy, clinical ecology, herbal remedies, homeopathy, hypnotherapy, massage, osteopathy and reflexology. This list is not exhaustive and other procedures not listed here but that are considered 'alternative' therapies will be considered in the same way.

Some procedures may be available through services in hospices and hospitals as part of a palliative care package; these are through charitable services and not commissioned NHS services.

Some patients may be treated as part of an integrated conventional and complementary service for a specific condition where these are commissioned.

*\*See also separate policy on [acupuncture for non-specific low back pain with or without sciatica](#).*

## 14.2 Hyperbaric oxygen therapy

This commissioning responsibility has transferred to NHS England

(<http://www.england.nhs.uk/>).

Queries around treatment availability and eligibility, as well as referrals and applications for funding should be directed to NHS England.

**14.3 Minor irregularities of aesthetic significance only (procedures to correct)**

**Category**

Not routinely funded

**Policy**

Procedures to correct minor irregularities of aesthetic significance only are not routinely funded.

## 14.4 Residential pain management programmes

### Category

Not routinely funded

### Policy

Residential pain management programmes are not routinely funded by Kent and Medway CCGs.

Commissioning responsibility for residential pain management programmes under some circumstances is with NHS England (<http://www.england.nhs.uk/>). Queries around treatment availability and eligibility, as well as referrals and applications for funding should be directed to NHS England.

## **14.5 Tier 3 specialist weight management services**

Contact the relevant individual CCG for their current commissioning policy on tier 3 specialist weight management services.