

**Sample letter to Chief Executive of PCT – for guidance only**

**[If you live in an area where referrals to your local homeopathic hospital have been reduced]**

Dear [xxxxxxx]

[xxxxxxx] Homeopathic Hospital

I am writing to express my concern about the difficulties patients now face in seeking to obtain a referral to the [xxxxxxx] Homeopathic Hospital.

The staff at [xxxxxxx] are highly trained and experienced doctors and nurses, who successfully integrate conventional medical care with homeopathy. The services there are very popular with patients and have very successful clinical outcomes.

I understand that this policy is based on your current financial situation. However, I feel that there is a lack of understanding about the valuable role homeopathy and other complementary therapies can play in the NHS and I think you are out of step with what patients want.

Homeopathy is highly effective and has helped many thousands of patients for whom conventional medicine has proved unsuccessful or has unacceptable side-effects.

**[Add an example of your experience of homeopathy...]**

I understand that the Government's policy on 'patient choice' should enable patients to choose treatments available in the NHS which meet with the patient's personal choice. I am therefore asking you to ensure that patients may continue to be referred for homeopathy. This represents a tiny portion of your budget but has the potential to save the PCT money by providing significant outcomes for patients.

Homeopathic hospitals have been treating NHS patients since 1948 and offer a cost-effective and effective adjunct to other NHS services. I enclose a two page summary of the evidence in homeopathy, which shows that well over a hundred randomised controlled trials have been carried out, and far more are positive than negative.

Please confirm that you will not deny patients access to treatment at [xxxxxxx] Homeopathic Hospital.

Yours sincerely

**[Your name]**