



## **Healthcare/Clinical Bursary Policy (December 2025)**

### **Authority and Circulation**

1. This policy has been approved by the trustees of the Health & Wellbeing Trust (HWT) and is available to all interested parties including patients, prospective patients, their carers, and their medical practitioners seeking access to integrative healthcare.
2. This policy will be reviewed in a three-year cycle along with all other charity policies and procedures.

### **Aims**

3. The aims of the HWT's charitable Healthcare Bursary provision are :
  - a. To widen access to integrative healthcare for the prevention and treatment of illness across the United Kingdom
  - b. To give financial support to patients with limited financial means who would not otherwise be able to pay for integrative healthcare services
  - c. To meet and if possible exceed the Charity Commission's public benefit requirements as applicable from time to time

### **Introduction and procedure**

4. HWT is a registered charity committed to providing significant public benefit. It is aware of its obligations under the Charities Act 2006 and seeks to adhere to the public benefit principles identified by the Charity Commission. This policy is regularly reviewed taking into consideration the latest guidance from the Charity Commission and any other factors relevant to this policy.
5. The bursary scheme is to assist patients and prospective patients of integrative healthcare services which are approved by HWT (see Approved Practitioners and suppliers below) who for financial reasons might otherwise be unable to access these services.
6. Complementary therapies funded will be limited to those from Lists 1 and 2 of the House of Lords Committee on Science and Technology Sixth Report on Complementary and Alternative Medicine in such other manner as the HWT Board may from time to time see fit, in line with [HWT Governing Document](#).
7. Funding will not be given for services which are not competitively priced, for example the fees of a practitioner who charges more than other practitioners in a similar field will not be funded.
8. The trustees will regularly review a list of approved practitioners and suppliers who will be required to provide a copy of their insurance and DBS (enhanced) for our records.

9. Bursaries may cover part or all of an agreed treatment programme.
10. Bursaries are awarded on the basis of patients' financial situation and medical needs. Applicants will be required to give sufficient information to enable HWT to make an informed decision on their status and eligibility for an award.

*Notes:*

*a) While patients are requested to give an indication of their financial situation in their application for a bursary, HWT will not request written evidence of a patients' ability to pay as this is felt to be intrusive.*

*b) Clinical teams within our approved practitioner list are requested to assess the patients' ability to pay and only recommend a bursary application where it is recognized that the patient will struggle to pay or may not book the number of recommended appointments to achieve maximum benefit from any treatment/advice due to lack of funds.*

*c) Approved Providers are requested to send in an email to [admin@healthlearning.online](mailto:admin@healthlearning.online) confirming that they have assessed a patients ability to pay when they have recommended a patient to the Bursary fund*

11. Applicants will be made aware that due to limited financial resources within the Patient Bursary Fund that not every eligible application will be successful.

*Notes:*

*a) There will be times when donors choose to provide funds to patients with particular health conditions, e.g., Living with Cancer, and these funds are restricted to these patients only and so patients with other health conditions may not be eligible.*

*b) The number of applications a patient can make is limited to three annually*

*Note: In a special circumstance this guideline may be over-ridden by 2 trustees*

12. All applications will be treated in strictest confidence.
13. Applications will be assessed for their eligibility by either the Administrator or Project Manager and if deemed suitable, passed to a Trustee for sign-off to complete the authorization of the award.

### **Publicity**

14. The scheme's availability will be highlighted on HWT's website and through the approved practitioners.

### **Fund Raising**

15. The charity will from time-to-time appeal or fundraise for healthcare bursary funds. Any funds raised in this way or donated specifically for the Healthcare Bursary Fund will be ring-fenced for this purpose.

### **Approved providers**

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- National Centre for Integrative Medicine