

## Regarding Research funding for drug-free interventions for chronic-pain

### Question:

Would you please tell me how much funding has been given for research of non-pharmacological interventions (including complementary and alternative therapies) in pain management in the last 5 years in Scotland ?

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### Answer:

We have now completed our search for the information you request.

The Chief Scientist Office (CSO) within the Scottish Government has responsibility for encouraging and supporting research into health and healthcare needs in Scotland. CSO responds primarily to requests for funding research proposals initiated by the research community in Scotland.

CSO has not provided funding for any research in the area of non-pharmacological interventions in pain management in the last 5 years.

We are however aware that research in this area has been, and is, ongoing in Scotland from information held on the UKRCN Portfolio Database – a register of all research funded by UK Government, Research Councils and Partner Charities. The Scottish section can be accessed via [1]<http://scotland.ukcrn.org.uk/>. In addition the Medical Research Council, which has a UK-wide remit, has funded a large Programme of research (to a value of £1,058,605) which has been ongoing since Feb 2010 and due to complete Jan 2014. This Programme is being led by the University of Aberdeen and is entitled 'Engaging older people and their carers to develop and deliver interventions for self management of chronic pain (EPIC)' .

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