

THE HARMONY THERAPY TRUST THERAPIST GUIDELINES FOR CONSIDERATION WHEN DECIDING ON SUITABLE TREATMENTS FOR CLIENT/PATIENTS

Client-patients referred to and accepted by the Trust are entitled to a course of FREE Therapy at the discretion of the treating therapist after a consultation, but not before the procedure of referral and acceptance by the Trust has been undertaken.

Please ensure that you do not commence treatment until formal notification from the Trust. The Trust will pay for a treatment once a month - unless a treatment is donated by the therapist – **THERAPISTS ARE REQUIRED AS A DONATION TO THE TRUST TO GIVE FREE – THE 1ST, 7TH & EVERY SUBSEQUENT 6TH TREATMENT. THERAPISTS ARE ALSO REQUIRED TO ARRANGE ONE FUNDRAISING EVENT PER YEAR IN THEIR AREA.** Client-patients living with most forms of cancer will be automatically accepted for 6 free treatments.

Others who have life altering conditions diagnosed by their healthcare provider will be entitled to 2 free monthly treatments, if such condition does not prevent them from leading a reasonable but somewhat limited lifestyle.

Please note whilst client-patient wellbeing is of prime importance to the Trust; with every intention of giving support, but due to limit of funds we cannot provide more than 3 free treatments for less serious illnesses, even if the condition is restrictive or painful. We must prioritise cases in order of need when considering the amount of treatments offered. For example, someone severely disabled with arthritic conditions may be entitled to 3 treatments, whereas someone with moderate to severe diagnosed Fibromyalgia may be only entitled to 2 treatments. **However, client-patients who have multiple life altering conditions where for example they are housebound, in a wheelchair and have a full time carer because of the severity of their condition, may be entitled to 6 free monthly treatments.**

Guidelines are not precise as we are not qualified medical practitioners. If a therapist is unsure of entitlement this must be referred back to The Trust for consultation with the healthcare provider over the severity of the condition.

We pay £20 per therapy plus mileage @ 22p per mile over 10miles if you have to visit the client-patient in their home.



SERIOUS LIFE ALTERING ILLNESS & NUMBER OF FREE TREATMENTS GIVEN IN A SIX MONTH PERIOD

CLIENT-PATIENTS WHO HAVE ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING

No of treatments

- **STROKE & HEART FAILURE 2**
- **ANY FORM OF CANCER 6**
- **ANY FORM OF LEUKAEMIA 6**
- **RENAL FAILURE 4**
- **COPD 4**
- **MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS 3-4**
- **CHRONIC LIVER DISEASE 6**
- **MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE 6**
- **SEVERE RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS 3**
- **HIV/AIDS related illnesses 2**
- **FIBROMYALGIA 2**
- **ME (Chronic Fatigue Syndrome) 2**
- **CHRONIC CELLULITIS give MLD only 2-3**
- **PARKINSONS DISEASE 4**
- **CHRONIC HEART DISEASE 4**
- **POLYCYSTIC FIBROSIS 4**
- **LUPUS 3**

Therapists are reminded to ensure there are no contra-indications with the treatment they are giving and to signpost to another therapist if they are not qualified to give the treatment that think would be suitable for the presenting condition

This list is not exhaustive and there may be a referral for a client-patient with another serious illness not listed here.