More people are using complementary and alternative medicine (CAM) in England, but access is unequal



Results of a national survey of practitioner-led CAM use published in BJGP Open, 14 November 2018

CAM use is rising



More women than men used CAM



More rich than poor used CAM



67%
paid for
themselves
(or had friends and family pay)



70% self-referred

17% referred by GP

Reasons for use

Mental health 12%

Neck, shoulder or knee pain 22%

Back pain

38%

From Ipsos MORI survey of a representative sample of 4,862 people, 766 of whom had seen a CAM practitioner (e.g. acupuncture, massage, osteopathy, chiropractic) in the last 12 months (2015).

Read the full article online:
'Complementary medicine use,
views and experiences – a national
survey in England'. Sharp D. et al.
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