Dear

Further to your request for information dated 29 April 2017 the information requested is below

1. What steps, if any, your organisation has taken to implement
   (a) Footprint

   NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is part of the agreed Kent and Medway footprint for sustainability and transformation.

   (b) Sustainability and Transformation Plan;

   The CCG’s draft Sustainability and Transformation Plan was published in November 2016 and is available at


   (c) Sustainability and Transformation Partnership; Accountable Care System; Accountable Care Organisation;

   The CCG is currently working with GP Members and wider stakeholders on developing new models of care in the community. As part of our new models of care programme and based on initial work with Community Health Partnerships (CHP) regarding primary care estate, we believe that there will be a need for four strategically placed health and social care hubs, across Ebbsfleet and Dartford, and Gravesham Town Centres. Further information, including timelines, is available within the CCG’s 2017-19 Operation Plan which is available at:
In February 2017, the CCG also published the Kent and Medway Case for Change with partners from the NHS in Kent and Medway, Kent County Council and Medway Council. Our case for change describes the current situation and why change is necessary. The case for change was published to explain more about the thinking behind the draft Sustainability and Transformation Plan that was published in November 2016.

The case for change is available at www.kentandmedway.nhs.uk and on all NHS and local authority websites across Kent and Medway.

2. What plans you have to implement any or all of the above and the proposed timescale for doing so and decision-making processes to be followed in doing so.

As per question 1, further information on timescales is included in the 2017-19 Operation Plan and the Strategic Transformation Plan at the links above.

3. Any documentation or instruction that you have received from NHS England describing the action your organisation is required to take, or may take, to establish the above organisations and/or otherwise to implement the new care models described in the Next steps on the NHS five year forward view and the Five year forward view.

The CCG has not received any specific instruction from NHS England regarding the development of local care models or STPs, outside of the nationally published Five Year Forward View and national planning documentation.

4. An explanation of the legal and organisational nature of the governance arrangements for the “footprint”, as described in the Next steps on the NHS five year forward view and the Five year forward view, of which your organisation is part.

Further information on the governance arrangements for our Strategic Transformation Plan are included within the plan at the link above.

5. Your organisation’s understanding of the consequences if it does not implement a Sustainability and Transformation Plan, a Sustainability and Transformation Partnership, an Accountable Care System, an Accountable Care Organisation and/or any of the other new care models described in the Next steps on the NHS five year forward view and the Five year forward view, and the documents on which that understanding is based.

The CCG’s case for change is included in the STP and the CCG’s Two Year Operating Plan documentation which can be found at the above links.
If you have any queries or concerns please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint or review, you may apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Clinical Commissioning Group. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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