Further to your request for information dated 4 August 2017 the information requested is below

1. Please state the total number of orthopaedic referrals from primary care in A) 2015/16

   16,762

   and B) 2016/17.

   8,224

2. Please state the total number of referrals from primary care for cataract treatment in A) 2015/16 and B) 2016/17.

   Referral data submitted to NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group does not indicate the procedure for which a patient has been referred; it merely states the specialty to which the patient has been referred. Therefore, it is not possible to definitively state the number of referrals that have been made for cataract surgery. However, the number of patients that have had cataract surgery was

   2015/16  1,928
   2016/17  1,865

3. A) What are the current eligibility guidelines/criteria for referrals for orthopaedic procedures? Please cut and paste any relevant information or provide a link (and page number if relevant) to the relevant
A number of Orthopaedic conditions have criteria which are detailed in the CCG’s Referral and Treatment Criteria policy (which is Kent a Kent and Medway wide policy) which is published on the CCG’s website https://www.dartfordgraveshamswanleyccg.nhs.uk/?s=referral+and+treatment+criteria+policy

B) When were these current guidelines introduced?

The policy is updated on an annual basis

4. A) What are the current eligibility guidelines/criteria for referrals for cataract treatment? Please cut and paste any relevant information or provide a link (and page number if relevant) to the relevant website/document.

Criteria for cataract treatment are contained with the Kent and Medway Referral Treatment Criteria document referred to above.

B) When were these current guidelines introduced?

The policy is updated on an annual basis. Cataract criteria have remained unchanged since 2013.

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