Ref No: 082 DGS
15 August 2016

Dear

Further to your request for information dated 19 July 2016 the information requested is below/attached

1. Does the CCG Commission NHS Arthroplasty services?

NHS Dartford Gravesham & Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group does commission Arthroplasty in certain circumstances governed by the Kent and Medway level Referral and Treatment Criteria which are as follows:

An arthroscopy is a type of keyhole surgery used both to diagnose and treat problems with joints.

Arthroscopy should not be the primary investigation for knee pain. Arthroscopy of the knee can be undertaken where a competent clinical examination (or MRI scan if there is diagnostic uncertainty or red flag symptoms/signs/conditions) has demonstrated clear evidence of an internal joint derangement (meniscal tear, ligament rupture or loose body) and where conservative treatment has failed or where it is clear that conservative treatment will not be effective)

Knee arthroscopy can therefore be carried out for

- Removal of loose body
- Meniscal surgery (repair or resection)
- Ligament reconstruction/repair (including lateral relapse)
- Synovectomy

Knee arthroscopy should not be carried out for any of the following indications:

- Investigation of knee pain
• **Treatment of osteoarthritis including arthroscopic washout and debridement.** In line with NICE guidance CG59 this should not be offered as part of treatment for osteoarthritis unless the individual has knee osteoarthritis with a clear history of mechanical locking (not gelling, ‘giving way’)

2. a) **What is the total number of hip replacement operations your Trust has commissioned over the following years: 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015. Please provide 5 answers, in calendar years.**

2011
2012

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2013 217
2014 307
2015 267

b) **What is the total number of hip replacement revision operations your Trust has commissioned over the following years: 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015. Please provide 5 answers, in calendar years.**

2011
2012

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2013 12
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2015 11

c) **What is the total number of knee replacements your Trust has commissioned over the following years: 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015. Please provide 5 answers, in calendar**
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d) What is the total number of knee replacement revisions your Trust has commissioned over the following years: 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015. Please provide 5 answers, in calendar

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3. a) What is the average length of time patients wait for a hip replacement procedure from diagnosis to treatment?

NHS Dartford Gravesham & Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group cannot provide this information. Waiting times not at procedure level.

b) What is the average length of time patients wait for a hip replacement revision from diagnosis to treatment?

NHS Dartford Gravesham & Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group cannot provide this information. Waiting times not at procedure level.
c) What is the average length of time patients wait for a knee replacement from diagnosis to treatment?

NHS Dartford Gravesham & Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group cannot provide this information. Waiting times not at procedure level.

d) What is the average length of time patients wait for a knee replacement revision from diagnosis to treatment?

NHS Dartford Gravesham & Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group cannot provide this information. Waiting times not at procedure level.

4. a) What is the maximum length of time patients wait for a hip replacement from diagnosis?

NHS Dartford Gravesham & Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group cannot provide this information. Waiting times not at procedure level.

b) What is the maximum length of time patients wait for a hip replacement revision from diagnosis?

NHS Dartford Gravesham & Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group cannot provide this information. Waiting times not at procedure level.

c) What is the maximum length of time patients wait for a knee replacement from diagnosis?

NHS Dartford Gravesham & Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group cannot provide this information. Waiting times not at procedure level.

b) What is the maximum length of time patients wait for a knee replacement revision from diagnosis?

NHS Dartford Gravesham & Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group cannot provide this information. Waiting times not at procedure level.

5. a. Have you amended your commissioning guidelines on commissioning of hip and knee replacements in the last 5 years?

The current hip and knee replacement policy is set out in the Kent and Medway CCGs Schedule of policy statements for health care interventions, and Referral and Treatment Criteria (also known as the RaTC document, attached. In October 2015 the wording relating to BMI changed from:

- Advice to reduce BMI to less than 30 and the patient having complied with this. All reasonable attempts should be made to reduce weight to a BMI below 30 prior to referral

To:
To maximise the long-term functional benefit of joint replacement surgery and reduce the risk of complications during or following surgery, it is strongly advised to reduce BMI1 to <30 prior to referral.

Patients with BMI >30 should be encouraged and supported to reduce their BMI both before and after surgery, including referral to weight management services where indicated.

1 See NICE clinical guideline on obesity (CG189) for more information on using BMI as a measure.

No other amendments have been made to the policy in the last 5 years.

b. Have you introduced any new polices on access to hip and knee replacement in the last 5 calendar years?

NHS Dartford Gravesham & Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group has not introduced any new policies on access to hip and knee replacement in the last 5 calendar years.

c. Are you considering any additional restrictions to hip and knee replacement- e.g. any discussions at board level?

Revision of the current hip and knee replacement policy is not currently on the Kent and Medway CCGs’ Health care intervention appraisal and guidance service (HCiAG) work programme.

6. What is your total spend on hip and knee replacements and hip and knee revisions:
   a. In cash terms?

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b. as a percentage of total spend?
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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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