Dear

Further to your request for information dated 31 August 2017 the information requested is below

**Question 1**
**Does your CCG have a system in place or auditing the use of the Fast Track Pathway tool for Continuing Healthcare?**

All received Fast Track referrals are reviewed upon receipt by a clinical Nurse Advisor to ensure that clinicians are referring appropriately. A range of approaches are utilised by the CCG to monitor practice with regard to the use of the Fast Track Pathway tool including monitoring of referral acceptance, review of referrer type, follow-up patient reviews.

**Question 2**
**How many packages of Continuing Healthcare did you approve in the financial year 2016/17 (including fast track packages)?**

803

**Question 3**
**How many Fast Track Pathway packages of Continuing Healthcare did you fund in the financial year 2016/17?**

552

**Question 4**
**How many people are there in your Continuing Healthcare team?**
It is not possible to answer this question accurately. The reason for this is because the team that lead on Continuing Healthcare also support a range of other areas across multiple CCGs where staff roles span multiple CCGs and areas. The Specialist Assessment and Placements team lead manage Continuing Healthcare on behalf of three North Kent CCGs, (Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley, Medway and Swale) in addition lead managing / supporting the below listed areas

- Children’s Continuing Care
- Specialist Placements (mental Health, Transforming Care, Children & Young People, Neuro-Rehabilitation, Out of Area Mental Health Treatment
- Personal Health Budges
- Funded Nursing Care

**Question 5**
How many people are there in your Continuing Healthcare team dedicated to processing Fast Track Pathway packages of care?

Please see response to question 4 above.

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