Dear

Further to your request for information dated 17 August 2016 the information requested is below

1. A copy of, or link to, the CCG’s social value policy, strategy, framework or similar document if there is one.

NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) does not have a separate policy or framework for the Social Value Act. However, the CCG considers a wealth of information when commissioning and tendering services. This includes information pertaining to local demographics and the needs of both patients and local residents. The CCG works closely alongside other partners including the local and district authorities when determining our commissioning priorities.

2. How has the CCG applied the Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012 in its commissioning, tendering and grant making?

Not specifically, or separately outside of commissioning and tendering processes.

3. Has the CCG applied the concept of social value below the OJEU threshold for services, or for contracts other than for services?

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4. The percentage and number of tenders over the past 12 months where the Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012 has been applied and social value considered (that is to say, how much use does the CCG make of the Act).
5. Where social value has been considered and is weighted in assessing tenders, what is the typical weighting for social value in the CCG’s scoring across those contracts?

No weighting applied.

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide advice and assistance, under your Section 16 obligations, as to how I can refine my request to be included in the scope of the Act.

If you have any queries or concerns please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the service that you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision you should write to Complaints. NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group 2nd Floor Gravesham Civic Centre Gravesend Kent DA12 1AU or email at dgsccg.complaints@nhs.net

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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