Ref No:  139 DGS  
20 October 2016

Dear

Further to your request for information dated 13 October 2016 the information requested is below/attached

• Does the CCG have a budget to fund new treatments/drugs approved by the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) each year?

NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group does not hold a specific budget for new drugs / treatment. The additional cost would then be taken into account as part of the drug budget uplift.

• If so, please state what this budget was for the past three financial years (2013/14 – 2015/16). Please breakdown by year

N/A

• Please list the NICE approved treatments/drugs which the CCG does not allow clinicians to prescribe

Please refer to the Kent and Medway Referral and Treatment Criteria (which is published on our website). This lists all treatments that are not routinely commissioned by the CCGT or that are subject to defined access criteria. Please refer to

https://www.dartfordgraveshamswanleyccg.nhs.uk/search/?q=Referral+and+treatment+criteria
• To illustrate any trend, please provide this list for the past three financial years (2013/14 – 2015/16). Please breakdown by year

Please refer to the attached previous years Referral and Treatment Criteria

• Please give a brief and general explanation why the CCG does not allow clinicians to prescribe these treatments/drugs

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 dqscrg.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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