Dear

Further to your request for information dated 2 May 2017 the information requested is below

1. **What assessment, if any, has your CCG made on the number of people with Parkinson’s accessing mental health services in your CCG area?**

   A Joint Strategic Needs Assessment is in place, completed by Public Health, and this outlines the needs of the NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group’s (CCG) population.

2. **In your CCG area please state whether people with Parkinson’s can access mental health services through each of the following pathways:**

   a. **By referring themselves directly**

      Yes

   b. **By visiting their GP**

      Yes

   c. **Their Parkinson’s specialist (for example a consultant neurologist, consultant in the care of the elderly or Parkinson’s Nurse) referring directly into mental health services**

      Yes
d. **Mental health professional forming part of a multidisciplinary team for Parkinson’s**

   Via secondary care team.

e. **Other – please specify**

   N/A

3. **Do you currently commission any psychological support or other mental health services specifically for people with neurological conditions? If yes, please state which neurological conditions and the type of mental health support that is commissioned.**


4. **Does your Parkinson's service have access to any of the following mental health professionals? If yes please outline the pathway for accessing the mental health professional.**

   a. **Clinical psychologist**

      Within acute setting

   b. **Psychiatrist**

      Within acute setting

   c. **Neuropsychologist**

      Within acute setting

   d. **Neuropsychiatrist**

      Within acute setting

   e. **Other mental health specialist, such as community psychiatric nurse. Please specify which professional.**

      Within acute setting

5. **Does your CCG currently integrate evidence-based psychological therapies for adults with anxiety and depression with a focus on people living with long-term physical conditions or are there future plans to? If yes, please outline which long-term physical conditions can benefit from the therapies.**
The CCG does commission primary care psychological talking therapy services for all patients. The CCG also commissions secondary care mental health services of which psychology provision is included.

6. **Has your CCG ever taken any action to promote integration across physical and mental health services for people with Parkinson’s or do you have future plans to do so? If yes, please provide details of what action has/or will be taken.**

The CCG has embedded the Five Year Forward View for Mental Health which includes requirements for delivering integrated services for co-morbid physical and mental health conditions which is critical to improving outcomes and supporting people to achieve wellbeing.

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