Dear

Further to your request for information dated 21 March the information requested is below

1. **Could you set out your current IVF policy?**

   This information can be found on NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Group’s website

   [https://www.dartfordgraveshamswanleyccg.nhs.uk/search/?q=referral+and+treatment+criteria](https://www.dartfordgraveshamswanleyccg.nhs.uk/search/?q=referral+and+treatment+criteria)

2. **How much money have you spent on IVF in the years 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16. For each year, how many people received IVF treatment and, of that number how many resulted in pregnancy, no pregnancy, cancelled or awaiting results**

   NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group can confirm that they do not hold accurate data for 2013/14 or 2014/15 at the contract was not managed in the same way.

   NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group can confirm that they are unable to provide information regarding patient numbers and results as the data is not supplied to the CCG in this way. Due to patient confidentiality and the nature of ART treatments, the data held by the CCG cannot be analysed accurately to provide patient numbers.
The attached spreadsheet shows the number of treatment and the associated costs per CCG for the periods 2015/16 and 2016/17 Year to Date (to the end of quarter 3 – this data has been reconciled and is an accurate reflection of activity and finance at the three commissioned IVF providers.)

The London tertiary providers do not submit ART patient data to NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group. In some instances, treatments relating to ART can be extracted from the SLAM data submitted to the North Kent CCGs, as with the attached from Guys St Thomas’.

3. **What is your estimated funding gap for the years 2015/16 2016/17 2017/18 and 2019/20?**

   In relation to IVF, I can confirm that there isn’t a defined budget; CCGs just pay for the activity that takes place – so there would not be a funding ‘gap’ as such.

4. **Is the funding gap affecting you ability to fund fertility treatments? And more broadly, do you think IVF provision by the NHS is unsustainable in light of funding pressures?**

   NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group can confirm that no decisions have been made at this point in time regarding the future funding of IVF.

5. **Have you held a public consultation on IVF provision in your local area? If you have held a consultation can you provide the details of the questions you asked and the decision you made in regard to services?**

   NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group has not held a public consultation on IVF provision.

6. **If you answered no to question 5, do you have any plans to hold a public consultation on IVF provision? If so, can you detail the proposed scope of that consultation and the options you will offer the local community in regards to service?**

   NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group does not have any plans to hold a public consultation on IVF provision.

7. **If you answered no to question 6 will you rule out running a consultation in 2017/18, 2018/19 and/or 2019/20**

   NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group would not rule out running a consultation in 2017/18, 2018/19 and/or 2019/20.

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