Ref No:  DGS 253
19 April 2017

Dear

Further to your request for information dated 23 March 2017 the information requested is below

1. **What is the annual cost for the CCG of providing oxygen therapy to patients with cluster headaches (Clinical code 18 on the NHS Home Oxygen Order Form (HOOF))**
   
   (a) as a total figure
   (b) per patient

   NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group does not hold this level of data.

2. **What is the annual cost to the CCG (as a total figure) of providing:**
   (a) Equipment hire and the supply of cylinders and refills
   (b) The provision of patient equipment training
   (c) The provision of home risk assessments

   The annual cost of Home Oxygen is £415k. NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group does not hold any further information.

3. **How many patients with cluster headache only have been provided with home oxygen therapy in each of the last 5 years**

   NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley CCG does not hold this level of data. If you have not already done so, you may like to contact our provider Dartford & Gravesham NHS Trust.
4. Is the supply of home oxygen VAT exempt?

NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group are invoiced directly as this service is managed by Surrey and Sussex Commissioning Support Unit. The CCG therefore does not hold this data. If you have not already done so you may like to contact Surrey and Sussex Commissioning Support Unit.

5. Do invoices sent to the payer includes VAT at the standard rate of 20%?

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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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Wycliffe House,  
Water Lane,  
Wilmslow,  
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SK9 5AF  
Telephone: 08456 306060 or 01625 54 57 45  
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