Dear

Further to your request for information dated 24 March 2017 the information requested is below

1. **Do you have a named individual in place responsible for your local antimicrobial stewardship programme?**

   NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Group (CCG) does not have a dedicated person for the local antimicrobial stewardship programme.

2. **Has your CCG fully implemented all components of the RCGP TARGET Antibiotics Toolkit?**

   The CCG has implemented some components of the RCGP TARGET Antibiotics Toolkit including sharing patient leaflets and prescribing data, national antibiotic management guidance and resources for clinical and waiting areas.

3. **Has your CCG fully implemented NICE Guideline 15 on Antimicrobial Stewardship?**

   The CCG has partly implemented NICE Guideline 15 on Antimicrobial Stewardship. The CCG links in with the local trust’s anti-microbial stewardship group and advises/supports practices on how to improve anti-microbial stewardship.

4. **What plans does your CCG have to implement C-Reactive Protein Point of Care testing within your local area?**

   The CCG does not plan to introduce C-Reactive Protein Point of Care testing at present.
An evaluation carried out by the CCG in 2014/15 concluded that although available evidence showed that POC CRP testing may reduce antibiotic prescribing, it was not cost-effective when compared to standard care.

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

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