REQUEST AND RESPONSE

I am writing in response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 received on 12 April 2013 by NHS Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group. All answers relate to NHS Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group only. The information you requested is listed below together with the response:

Please send us the following information in regard to the period 1 October 2011 to date ("the relevant period"):-

• Information on any formulary or prescription or funding of treatment policies your CCG holds and applies in regard to the treatment of aHUS with Soliris or eculizumab and a copy of any such relevant policy in the relevant period.
• Information on the number of applications made for Individual Funding Requests ("IFR") for treatment of aHUS with Soliris or eculizumab in the relevant period.
• Information on the number of applications made for IFR for treatment of aHUS with Soliris or eculizumab in the relevant period which were granted without need for any appeal within the CCG IFR policy.
• Information on the number of appeals made after IFR refusal of applications for treatment for aHUS with Soliris or eculizumab.
• Information on the number of appeals made after IFR refusals of applications for treatment for aHUS with Soliris or eculizumab which were successful in that they resulted in the funding of treatment for aHUS with Soliris or eculizumab.
• Information on the number of patients within your CCG who are currently receiving treatment for aHUS with Soliris or eculizumab through the procedure of IFR applications and/or appeals.
• Information on the IFR policy condition of your CCG which apply to an application and appeal for treatment of aHUS with Soliris or eculizumab.
• Information on the number of Judicial Review claims against the CCG made by individual patients or groups of patients following refusal of applications and appeals under IFR for treatment of aHUS with Soliris or eculizumab in the relevant period.

I can confirm that this information is held by NHS Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group. This information was sent to you in response to your previous request for information on behalf of the three former primary care trusts in NHS Kent and Medway on 11 April 2013. The answers to all questions above will be the same as per that letter. Please find a copy of that letter attached with this. (Available on request)