REQUEST AND RESPONSE

I am writing in response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 received on 15 April 2013 by Kent and Medway Commissioning Support on behalf of all eight NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups in Kent and Medway. All answers relate to NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups in Kent and Medway only. The information you have requested is listed below together with the response:

The number of adults with a learning disability and/or autism you provide/commission a service for that are currently supported in long stay hospital. I believe that it is in public interest for this information to be disclosed because disclosure will demonstrate:

• transparency in accountability for public money;
• proper scrutiny of government (local and national) actions;
• public money is being used effectively;

Further The Information Commission has said that the public interest is served where access to information would:

• further understanding the issues of the day;
• facilitate accountability and transparency of public authorities;
• facilitate accountability and transparency in the spending of public money;

Clarification

Please could I have the patient number breakdown for each type of hospital you have listed in your previous email?
Learning Disability Inpatient Placements by May 2013

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<th>Type of Hospital</th>
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Please note that long stay hospitals for people with learning disability no longer exist because their closure was a requirement of the NHS Campus Re-provision which was completed in Kent and Medway in 2009.

Please note that Low Secure Hospital units cater to the needs of individuals who present a moderate risk of offending, aggression/violence, absconding and Medium Secure Hospital units cater to the needs of individuals who present a high risk of offending, aggression/violence, absconding. Information on the number of patients in these units can be obtained from the relevant commissioner at NHS England. Please contact them direct to request this information.

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