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REQUEST AND RESPONSE

I am writing in response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 received on 16 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:

QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO MERCURY SENSITIVITY AND DENTAL AMALGAM.
1. How many people contacted Kent and Medway PCT in the last 5 years, requesting funding for removal of dental amalgam fillings and replacement with white fillings, because they were allergic to the mercury in their dental amalgam ie. because they were mercury sensitive?
2. How many people in question 1 were granted funding for the above? And how many were refused funding?
3. How did the PCT diagnose mercury sensitivity?

QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO PATCH TESTING FOR MERCURY SENSITIVITY.
4. How many people of the people in question 1, complained of being made ill by patch testing for mercury sensitivity?
5. How many of the people in question 1 declined to be patch tested for mercury sensitivity because of concerns they might have a severe allergic reaction.

I can confirm that this information is not held by the eight clinical commissioning groups in Kent and Medway. Under section 16 of the Act - duty to provide advice and assistance, I can advise that this information is held by NHS England Area Team. Please contact them directly to request this information.