REQUEST AND RESPONSE

I am writing in response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 received on 19 April 2013 by NHS Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group. All answers relate to NHS Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group only. I can confirm Clinical Commissioning Group does hold the information you requested. The information you requested is listed below together with the response:

1. Please could you provide me with a copy of the current diabetes guidelines (as of 12 April 2013) that are being utilised by the CCG.


2. Where there is a current Local Enhanced Service (LES) for diabetes for the CCG, please can you provide a copy.

Please refer to the attached PDF document named Conversion to insulin LES for the information you requested. (Available on request)

3. Please can you provide a copy or link to the current formulary being utilised by the CCG (as of 12 April 2013)

I believe that this information is exempt from disclosure under section 22 because the Clinical Commissioning Group formulary is in the process of being subject to review and amendment. This will be available on line from August 2013.

As this is a qualified exemption I have considered whether in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. In reaching my conclusion I have considered the need to be open and transparent against disclosing information that may change and has not yet been verified.
In all the circumstances of the case I have therefore reached the decision that the public interest in withholding the information in relation to this exemption is greater than disclosing it. I would suggest that you resubmit your request at the end of August 2013 and I should be in a position to provide this information by then.

4. Please can you provide details of any prescribing targets or incentive schemes specific to diabetes or diabetes products for the year 2013 -2014

The targets are from national Quality, Innovation, Productivity and Prevention (QIPP) indicators for type2 diabetes:
• Consider risks/benefits of intensive glycaemic control and use of hypoglycaemic agents, review and revise in line with NICE
• Review and if appropriate revise prescribing of long acting insulin analogues in line with NICE
• Review and revise use of self-monitoring of blood glucose

5. Please could you provide a copy or link to the commissioning plan for the CCG for year 2013 – 2014

Please refer to the answer to question three above as this information will be available from August 2013. I would suggest that you resubmit your request at the end of August 2013 and I should be in a position to provide this information by then.